

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Call for Proposals – Year of Polar Prediction

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1. Are government organizations eligible for funding through this call?

- a. Federal government departments/agencies are not eligible for funding, but may participate in the project as a partner.
- b. Municipal, provincial and territorial government departments are eligible for POLAR funding.
- c. MEOPAR can fund individuals within government departments/agencies (including at the federal level) *if* they hold an adjunct appointment at a Canadian university.

2. Are international organizations eligible for funding through this call?

International organizations are not eligible for funding, but may participate in the project as a partner.

3. Can NGO's and/or for-profit organizations be a part of a proposal as subcontractors?

Yes, they can be subcontractors as long as their work within the project falls within the guidelines (see [NSERC Guidelines description](#)).

4. Is research focused on Antarctica and/or the Southern Polar region eligible for funding through this call for proposals?

No. This call for proposals is specific for work in Canada's North, including the Arctic region.

5. Are proposals from researchers and/or institutions currently involved with the MEOPAR Network given preference over proposals from those outside the Network?

No.

6. I currently hold funding from MEOPAR as an investigator. Am I eligible to apply for this call as a principal investigator (PI)?

Yes. MEOPAR allows an individual to receive funding as an investigator and/or principal investigator (PI) on up to two (2) MEOPAR research projects at a time. Therefore if:

- a) An investigator and/or PI is already receiving MEOPAR funding from one (1) MEOPAR research project or one (1) MEOPAR Core activity, they are eligible for this call.

- b) An investigator and/or PI is receiving funding from two (2) MEOPAR research projects, they are ineligible for this call.
- c) An investigator and/or PI is receiving funding from one (1) MEOPAR research project AND one (1) MEOPAR Core activity, they must apply to the Research Management Committee for permission to apply to this call.

To apply for permission, contact Alexa Reedman.

NOTE: This only applies to investigators and principal investigators that are receiving funds for MEOPAR research projects and/or Core activities in the 2017/18 fiscal year and beyond. This does not apply to investigators carrying over funds from the 2016/17 fiscal year.

7. If my project team is fully composed of academics, will we only receive funds from MEOPAR?

No. All projects selected to receive funding through this call will receive funds from both MEOPAR and POLAR.

8. The research proposed is being submitted to other funding sources at the same time. How does this affect the MEOPAR evaluation process?

MEOPAR is in favor of projects that receive funding from multiple sources. However, if a project is being submitted to multiple funding agencies at the same time, the following information should also be included with the proposal as an appendix:

- a) If the project only receives funding from MEOPAR, how are the research objectives affected?
- b) What are the timelines for the other funding sources?
- c) Will their timelines cause delays in the MEOPAR-funded portion of the project?

9. My academic appointment begins this summer. Am I eligible under this call?

Principal investigators MUST hold an academic appointment at the time the award is granted (April, 2017) to be eligible for this call.

Investigators beginning their academic appointment in the summer of 2017 may be eligible under this call. Investigators in this position should contact Alexa Reedman for more information, and MUST include the following as an appendix to their proposal:

- a) A letter from the university confirming your upcoming academic appointment (with start date)
- b) An explanation describing how your later start date will not delay the overall project deliverables.

Please reference the [NSERC guidelines on eligibility](#).

10. In the Call for Proposals, it states that there is approximately \$2.3 million CAD available and up to 8 projects will be funded. What is the likelihood my project will be funded if it is above the average funding level?

The call projection of providing \$2.3 mil CAD to eight (8) projects is an estimate only. The Research Management Committee will make funding decisions based on the strength of the proposals, which may or may not exceed the estimated average funding level.

11. Is it acceptable to have different projected expenditures over the three years?

Yes. We recognize that project costs can vary by year.