



CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS

September 2025

A. Program Overview

[MEOPAR \(Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network\)](#) is a Canadian not-for-profit organization that supports research, training, and communication related to the ocean through funding programs. MEOPAR has supported a wide range of ocean research projects since 2012 across multiple ocean research disciplines.

This call for partnerships is specifically for organization-to-organization collaborations whereby MEOPAR is seeking partnership and matching funds to target key priorities ranging from 1) advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada, 2) promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility, 3) expediting strategic areas of emerging ocean research, and 4) responding to and aligning with important Government of Canada research priorities.

B. Alignment with MEOPAR Objectives and Science Strategy

MEOPAR has identified the following objectives for which targeted funding will be provided:

1. Strengthen the evidence base for decision making and adaptation through development of improved tools, techniques, and strategies for ocean and coastal observation, prediction, and information sharing.
2. Increase economic opportunity, coastal community resilience, and marine ecosystem protection in the face of climate and technological change through end-user-driven science and novel collaborative structures.
3. Improve access to and use of ocean research infrastructures.
4. Diversify, develop, and broaden deployment of Canada's ocean-related research and innovation talent.

Applicants are also encouraged to consult the [MEOPAR Science Strategy 2025–2030](#) for further context and to ensure alignment with MEOPAR's long-term vision and core priorities.

C. Structure of the Partnership

MEOPAR requires that applicants have [matching funds](#) from non-federal government sources that equal or exceed the amount available from MEOPAR (matching fund of a minimum of 1:1 is required). Partnerships may take different implementation formats ranging from an open call for proposals, partnered call for proposals, or direct implementation of a research project.

D. Funding Eligibility

Eligible recipients of MEOPAR funds include post-secondary institutions, not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations and governments, municipalities, research networks, public engagement networks, companies that deliver public engagement activities, or start-up companies (including those housed in Canadian post-secondary-linked incubators). Eligible recipients do not include federal departments, agencies, or Crown Corporations of the Government of Canada.

E. Requirements of Funding

Each partner will enter into an agreement with MEOPAR and the agreement identifies the funding schedule, reporting timeline, project milestones and key performance indicators.

F. Budget

MEOPAR is looking for proposals that exceeds \$150,000 and up.

G. Submission Procedure

MEOPAR is providing you a working document of the partnership proposal form to help you prepare your proposal (see MEOPAR's website, Call for Partnership page). You will be able to copy/paste your text from the working document to the online form when ready to submit. Keep submission sections to the word limits indicated.

Please complete and submit your partnership proposal form [online here](#).

Applicants can expect to get feedback within 15 working days following their submission.

H. Inquiries

Inquiries for this program should be directed to the MEOPAR Executive Director: jamie.snook@meopar.ca.

I. Proposal Evaluation

These proposals go through a number of internal reviews and key questions will be assessed through the process such as:

1. Does the proposed project or partnership align with MEOPAR priorities and fit within the parameters of the MEOPAR funding sources,
2. Does the proposed project or partnership align with MEOPAR science strategy, strategic plan, or another relevant guiding document,
3. Does the proposed project or partnership have potential positive impact for Canadian society and coastal communities,
4. Does the project or partnership have matched or leveraged contributions,
5. Do the project partners have a quality team and qualified staff to assist with the initiative.
6. Does the partnering organization present any reputational risk to MEOPAR and if so in what regards?