

ICDP Guidelines for Proposal Submission

The International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) offers international science teams the opportunity to compete for funds to support drilling operations. Calls for proposals will be published regularly in EOS. An independent panel of science experts, the ICDP Science Advisory Group (SAG), evaluates all proposals submitted from a scientific point of view based on the criteria given below and gives recommendations to the other panels, the Executive Committee and the Assembly of Governors for further process. The [ICDP Program Office](#) at GFZ, Potsdam, Germany, handles all aspects of the proposal submission and review process.

ICDP considers four types of proposals for evaluation: preliminary proposals, workshop proposals, full proposals, and addenda to already accepted proposals. All proposals must be submitted to the [ICDP Program Office](#) by the annual deadline of 15 January. Proponents should submit the proposal as a single PDF document, with all pages in A4 or letter size and using an 11 point font and 2.5 cm margins. The ICDP Program Office does not accept items that do not meet the specified requirements. Proposals that arrive late will be considered for evaluation the following year.

Proposals will be reviewed and assigned priority based on the following criteria:

1. **Quality of Science.** Does the project address fundamental scientific issues of global significance, rather than just local problems? Is it international in scope, so that the best drilling targets worldwide are being selected to address these scientific issues?
2. **Need for Drilling.** Is drilling necessary to achieve the stated scientific objectives, or can they be achieved with surface-based studies at lesser expense?
3. **Qualifications of Proponents.** Is the experience and productivity of the PIs plus the breadth and international diversity of the science team/workshop attendees sufficient?
4. **Societal Relevance.** Is the project relevant to societal needs, such as energy, mineral and water resources, environmental/climate change, geologic hazards, etc.?
5. **Budget.** Is the budget carefully prepared and reasonable gives the scope of the workshop or drilling project?

Preliminary Proposal

A group of scientists with an idea for a project that involves scientific drilling can take the opportunity to have the idea thoroughly evaluated at an early stage without going through the more detailed stages of a workshop proposal, by submitting a preliminary proposal to ICDP. Preliminary proposals are not associated with funding, but the Science Advisory Group will provide valuable hints and recommendations for an eventual workshop proposal.

A Preliminary Proposal should contain:

1. Official ICDP proposal cover sheet*
2. Max. 10 pages (A4 or letter size, 11 point font, 2.5 cm margins)
3. Standard 2 page curriculum vitae of all PIs listed in the cover sheet (see template)

Proposers should note that only projects of global scientific significance and with demonstrated international participation (or the prospect thereof) will be considered by ICDP. The existence of drilling-relevant site surveys, or a plan to acquire these, should be discussed.

*Note, all proponents listed in the cover sheet will be counted as Principal Investigators (PIs) for that proposal, and will be cited in the order listed.