ICDP Guidelines for Proposal Submission

Workshop Proposals

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, the Science Advisory Group (SAG), evaluates all proposals submitted from a scientific point of view 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 organizes the review process.

ICDP considers four types of proposals for evaluation: preliminary proposals, workshop proposals, full proposals, and addenda to active proposals. All proposals must be submitted via email to: proposal.submission@icdp-online.org by the annual deadline of 15 January. Proponents should submit the proposal as a single PDF document of less than 10 MB size using the current proposal cover sheet 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?

6. **Responsiveness.** Where applicable, have previous SAG/ICDP recommendations been taken into account in the present proposal?
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A group of scientists representing several countries (including ICDP member countries and/or countries in membership negotiation) intending to submit a full proposal for scientific drilling to ICDP should first submit a workshop proposal. The goal of an ICDP-funded workshop is to fully review the scientific motivation behind a project (including why drilling is necessary), develop a preliminary drilling and experimental plan, discuss and compile site surveys, and form an international cooperative science team, eventually leading to the preparation of a full ICDP drilling proposal.

A Workshop Proposal should contain:

1. Current [ICDP proposal cover sheet]*
2. Max. 15 pages (A4 or letter size, 11 point font, 2.5 cm margins)
3. List of references
4. Standard 2 page curriculum vitae of all PIs listed in the cover sheet ([see template](#))

*Note, all Principal Investigators (max. 4) and Co-Principal Investigators (max. 10) listed in the cover sheet will be cited in the order listed.

Within the 15 pages:

- Discuss the scientific objectives and explain how those objectives relate to, or advance ICDP’s scientific themes (see ICDPs Science Plan).
- Explain why the drilling site and research goals are of global and far-reaching importance and why drilling is needed to achieve these goals. (ICDP does not consider topics of only local relevance.)
- Discuss the societal relevance of the project, including plans for education and outreach.
- Discuss the expected scientific outcome of drilling and any subsequent work required to complete the overall project.
- Present a preliminary list of workshop participants to demonstrate international participation and a broad range of expertise.
- Give a brief description of the structure and agenda of the planned workshop.
- Present a well-defined strategy for addressing the scientific objectives through drilling, core/cuttings/fluid sampling, down-hole measurements, laboratory testing on recovered samples, and integration with existing or planned surface-based studies.
• Describe the proposed drill sites, including geologic maps, seismic sections and other geophysical data, penetration depths, expected lithologies, and relevant information from prior drilling operations.
• Include a workshop budget.
• Describe briefly any relationships of the drilling project or supplemental science investigations to other international geoscience programs.
• In case of similar projects already conducted via ICDP accurately describe the relationship to other proposals and to what degree this project differs from previous ones.

Workshop proponents should note that, if a proposal is accepted, there needs to be an open call to the international scientific community for possible participation in the workshop through the web and EOS. The ICDP Program Office assists with this.