



The International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) Call for Proposals

The International Continental Scientific Drilling Program, ICDP coordinates and supports multinational endeavours in continental scientific drilling. The program focuses on challenging themes of global geoscientific underpinning socio-economic challenges, including climate & ecosystem evolution, sustainable georesources, natural hazards and water quality and availability.

With this announcement, the ICDP invites Earth scientists to submit project proposals in which drilling is required to achieve critical research goals. This call is open to investigators from ICDP member countries (Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States of America) as well as from countries considering membership in the ICDP. Please note that ICDP provides operational support and allocates co-funding for drilling-related costs only; research grants for the project should be sought from other funding agencies. This concept of commingled funding and international cost sharing, in addition to an exchange of technological capabilities and expertise, has proven very successful.

ICDP aims to foster joint projects with the International Ocean Discovery Program and therefore cordially invites project proposals in which coordinated drilling on land and at sea is required or land-sea transect drilling series are planned (“amphibious projects”). Joint project proposal submission will be accepted by both programs and will be jointly evaluated.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

ICDP accepts three types of proposals: **Preliminary proposals** serve to briefly highlight a new research project idea and receive a brief assessment for further development. **Workshop proposals** request to hold an ICDP-funded workshop and comprise an outline of the main objectives, the scientific importance of the planned project, details of the proposed drill site, the expertise of the group of proponents, and envisaged international collaboration. The workshop serves to bring together a competitive international research team and to initiate the development a **full proposal that can be submitted** following a successful workshop.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All proposals are evaluated by the Science Advisory Group (SAG) of the ICDP, which makes recommendations to the Executive Committee (EC) based on scientific quality and relevance. The EC then reviews technical and financial issues in order to ensure that projects are feasible within the constraints of ICDP’s annual and long-range plans as well as considering gender and career status. The EC informs the Principal Investigators of the outcome of the evaluation, and states whether further development of the proposal is to be encouraged or not.

The deadline for submission of all proposals to the ICDP is **January 15, 2018**. Please, submit a digital version as a single file via e-mail to the ICDP Program Office using **proposal.submission@icdp-online.org**.

Detailed information on the scope of the ICDP, the submission of proposals, proposal format, and the process for development of a successful proposal is available at: <http://www.icdp-online.org/proposals>.