

**Belmont Forum
International Opportunities Fund
Arctic Observing and Science for Sustainability**

National Annex: National Science Foundation, United States of America

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within each selected consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. Funding is meant for small collaborations (Type 1 projects, up to 200,000 Euros total for all partners), small synthesis efforts (Type 2 projects, up to 500,000 Euros total for all partners) and collaborative research (Type 3 projects, up to 1,000,000 Euros total for all partners). A consortium agreement (including International Property Rights) will need to be developed between the participating researchers should their application be successful, and shared with the relevant Partner Organizations. All projects have to include a budget for participation in synthesis meetings that will be held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international conference or event.

The total budget for this call is approximately **11 million Euros**. NSF anticipates that a total of 3-5 research consortia will be supported for Type 1 projects, between 3 and 5 Type 2 projects, and between 3 and 5 Type 3 projects, pending the availability of funds. ***The maximum total budget request for all US investigators in a consortium must not exceed the following:***

TYPE 1 projects: 70,000 Euros

TYPE 2 projects: 167,000 Euros

TYPE 3 projects: 334,000 Euros

ELIGIBILITY

Each consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries and must show clear links through to users and include collaboration between natural and social/economic sciences, and other sciences where relevant. Researchers from countries not represented by any of the partner-countries can participate in the research project at their own expense.

Consortium partners should identify a Leading Principal Investigator (LPI) for each proposal for application, management and communication purposes. The LPI is officially responsible for all communications with the Call Program Office, including the submission Proposal. These communications must be in accordance with the LPI's funding agency requirements.

U.S. investigators may only be **part of one consortium**. Accordingly, U.S. investigators may be listed as either Lead PI, Co-PI (Partner PI) or Senior Personnel on **only one proposal** for either a Type 1, Type 2 or Type 3 project.

In accordance with NSF policy, proposals cannot list more than 4 Co-PI's (Partner-PI's) from U.S. institutions. Additional U.S. collaborators must be listed as Senior Personnel.

Funding opportunities for researchers from developing countries can be found through the NSF/USAID Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research ([PEER¹](#)) program. The next funding opportunity is expected to be announced in the October/November and follow a similar time-schedule.

FUNDING PROCEDURES

For U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, all proposals (pre- and full) will be submitted to the Call Program Office by the consortium's Lead PI in accordance with the Agency's or Country's procedures.

In accordance with NSF policy, proposals that have U.S. Lead PI's must be submitted to the on-line Belmont Forum system by the Lead PI's office of sponsored research or equivalent. No proposals submitted directly to the Belmont on-line system by a U.S. Lead PI will be accepted; In addition, NO proposals submitted directly to FASTLANE will be accepted.

In accordance with NSF policy, a proposal cannot list more than 4 Co-PI's from U.S. institutions. Additional U.S. collaborators must be listed as Senior Personnel.

Once the review process is complete, the U.S. Lead PI will be contacted by the NSF point of contact with further instructions on how to upload the proposal information into FASTLANE. In addition, U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, will be contacted by NSF point of contact to upload proposal information into FASTLANE.

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¹ PEER Program (<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/dsc/peer/index.htm>)