



Collaborative Research Action

Arctic Observing and Research for Sustainability

<http://igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-and-research-sustainability>

Proposal Process and Researcher Matching

*a step-by-step guide through the submission requirements
and partnerships tools available under the auspices of the Belmont Forum*

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What is the Belmont Forum?

- The Belmont Forum is a subset of the country and institutional members of the International Group of Funding Agencies (IGFA) for global environmental change.
- The Forum is committed to the advancement of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science.
- The Belmont nations and organizations are:
 - Australia
 - Austria
 - Brazil
 - Canada
 - China
 - European Commission
 - France
 - Germany
 - India
 - Japan
 - Norway
 - South Africa
 - United Kingdom
 - United States of America
 - International Council for Science (ICSU)
 - International Social Science Council (ISSC)
- Not all Belmont nations partner in every Collaborative Research Action. Non-Belmont member nations and organizations are allowed to partner through submission of a national annex and identification of funds or resources available to proposers.

The current co-chairs of the Forum are Albert van Jaarsveld (NRF, South Africa) and Patrick Monfray (ANR/CNRS, France).

The Belmont Challenge

This guiding principle of all Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions is called the **Belmont Challenge**, which requires science

To deliver knowledge needed for action to avoid and adapt to detrimental environmental change including extreme hazardous events.

The Challenge requires:

- *Assessments of risks, impacts and vulnerabilities, through regional and decadal-scale analysis and prediction*
- *Information on the state of the environment, through advanced observing systems*
- *Interaction of natural and social sciences*
- *Enhanced environmental information service providers to users*
- *Effective international coordination mechanisms*

The agreement amongst partner nations in a Collaborative Research Action is the contemporaneous support – through either monetary or in-kind mechanisms – of meritorious projects.

A single collaborative proposal is submitted to the Belmont Forum Grant Operations System (<https://bfgo.org/>) and is reviewed jointly by all support partners. International resources are **not pooled** and are administered to each collaborator by the national funder.

Requirements of a Belmont Forum proposal

To support the spirit of the Belmont Challenge, proposals are required to:

- Create a multi-lateral partnership through the inclusion of collaborators from 3 or more funding sources

NOTE: Not all participating collaborators have to come from Belmont Forum member or partner nations. The CRA is open to all interested proposers, but if a collaborator is from a non-**partner** nation, they must come with his/her own funds. Collaborators from non-partnering nations do not count towards the 3.

- Include **natural scientists, social scientists, and end users** in each proposal



Documentation of the Arctic Collaborative Research Action

- The call itself is the Collaborative Research Action. It is available on the Belmont Forum webpage. The link to the full text is here, including the submission requirements, review criteria, and available resources:

<http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-and-research-sustainability>

- The national annexes detail specific interests of agencies and organizations partnering in the CRA. A description of science questions, eligible applicants, and individual contributions from each agency can be found in the national annex:

<http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-research-sustainability-national-contact-points>

- The proposal portal where collaborative proposals are accepted can be found on the Belmont Forum Grant Operations System webpage:

<https://bfgo.org/>

- There is an FAQ page on both the IGFA and BFGO sites to provide further clarification related to the requirements for this call.

<http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-research-sustainability-frequently-asked-questions>

Building Partnerships for Integrated Scientific Advances

- As mentioned, Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions require collaborators from three or more nations on every proposal.

NOTE: To facilitate collaboration for groups interested in proposing, the Belmont Forum website offers a Research Matching capability.
<https://www.igfagcr.org/user/register>

- The ArcticHub (<http://www.arctichub.net>) features a “help wanted ads” functionality that allows interested proposers to solicit collaborators with certain expertise and for single researchers to express their interest in joining a collaborative team.
- Collaborations with the private sector are encouraged. The World Ocean Council offers the potential to engage with one of its 30,000 industry members to collaborate on submissions to the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action for the Arctic.



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The WOC brings together oil/gas, shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, offshore renewables and other ocean industries – creating an unprecedented ocean business community and private sector leadership in addressing shared marine sustainability challenges.

Paul has held senior positions with the UN Environment Program and international environment organizations.

Since 1998, Paul has worked with the private sector to develop practical solutions to sustainable marine environmental development. He has worked in over 30 countries with companies, communities, industry associations, UN agencies, NGOs, foundations and governments.

Researcher Matching between Industry and Academia

Connecting with the World Ocean Council

Industry panelists

- Gary Isaksen
Global Ocean Science and Policy Manager, ExxonMobil
- Lisbeth Due Schönemann-Paul
Corporate Sustainability and Environmental Manager, Royal Greenland Fisheries
- Bruce Harland
Vice President, Crowley Maritime Corporation
- Don Smith
Director, Transportation, Teck Resources

Reminders for Submissions to Belmont Forum Arctic CRA

- Develop your project idea
 - Themes** for this call include:
 - the natural and living environment
 - the built environment and infrastructures
 - natural resource management and development
 - governance

- Choose a submission category that best fits the scope of activity:
 - small collaborative grants
 - synthesis
 - research projects

- Ensure that you have an integrated approach that includes natural scientists, social scientists, and end users.

- Check that you have a proposer team that would draw from three funding/support partners.

- If you have questions about relevance to national annexes, please contact the relevant national contacts.



Welcome to ArcticHub

A new collaboration space for people interested in Arctic Observation

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[Ocean Council Researcher Matching Event](#)

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Thank you for your participation.

Please contact Paul Holthus (paul.holthus@oceancouncil.org) to discuss opportunities for partnering with industry scientists and end users on a Belmont Forum proposal.

For questions about the Belmont Forum, submitting your proposal, building research collaborations, or other relevant queries, please use the national contacts information or the general contact window: <http://igfagcr.org/contact-us>

We look forward to your proposals, due 31 July 2014.