Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it required that every proposal submitted to this call include a natural scientist, social scientist, and end user?

Yes, the Belmont Forum supports the advancement of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science. Each proposal must include these three areas of expertise.

2. Is it necessary to have collaborators from three nations on every proposal?

Yes, the Belmont Forum encourages multi-lateral collaborations. Each proposal should draw on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website (http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-research-sustainability-national-contact-points).

3. Are tribes considered to be nations for the purpose of meeting the three nation criteria on each proposal?

Yes, a tribe can be counted as a nation towards the three-nation criteria outlined in the call text. However, it is still necessary to draw on three different funding/support sources to qualify as a multi-lateral partnership.

4. Can I participate in a proposal if my national funding agency or regional funding consortium is not listed as a partner in this call?

Yes, you may participate; however, you must bring your own funding/support to the effort. The proposal must still include expertise from the natural science, social science and end-user community and include three nations that are participating in the call thereby, drawing on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website (http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-research-sustainability-national-contact-points).

5. Can there be more than three nations on a collaborative project?

Yes. There is no upper limit on the number of nations participating in a project. There are, however, recommended funding limits for each type of proposal (small collaboration grants, synthesis grants, and research grants) that may factor into the number of participants included if they are all seeking funding support.

5. How can I find collaborators to meet the three-nation, interdisciplinary, and trandisciplinary criteria for submission?

Virtual researcher matching events will be held to connect interested proposers. These events will be announced on the call website (http://igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-and-research-sustainability), on the ArcticHub (http://www.arctichub.net) and through list-serves such as ArcticInfo. In addition, the ArcticHub will provide a virtual "help wanted" ads functionality where proposers may advertise the need for a certain expertise or national collaboration. The Belmont Forum also supports an online matching utility, which can be found here: https://www.igfagcr.org/user/register.

6. How can I be sure that my project meets the needs outlined in the national annexes on the call website?

If you have questions about the suitability of your project to the call, please send an e-mail to the national contact persons of your collaborative team with a brief description of your collaborative project. Contact e-mail addresses for each partnering organization can be found in each of the national annexes: http://www.igfagcr.org/cra-2014-arctic-observing-research-sustainability-national-contact-points.

7. Does each member of a collaborative project submit a different proposal for each collaborator?

No, one proposal is submitted for each project. Proposals are submitted through the Belmont Forum Grant Operations System: https://bfgo.org/. Support for proposal submissions can be found through the BFGO website.

8. Are the funds available from these organizations pooled into a common pot?

No, the funds and in-kind support made available by each nation is maintained and administered by each organization. Collaborative proposals are reviewed jointly. Meritorious projects are supported by a minimum of three funding/support organizations through contemporaneous disbursement. I.e., Norwegian awardees would receive support from Norwegian organizations, Japanese awardees from Japanese organizations, and US organizations from US agencies. Award reporting requirements would conform to the rules of each collaborator's support organization.