

The Rising Voices Center
for Indigenous and Earth Sciences



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Rising Voices: Seed Funding for Catalyzing Research and Action

PROPOSALS DUE: Friday, August 14, 2020 at midnight local time.

The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences is offering three \$5000 awards to launch small-scale but impactful projects OR to support the time and effort to write a proposal for a large-scale project. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed work will bring together Indigenous and Earth sciences to address pressing community-driven research and action. Successful applications will support projects to begin around September 1, 2020 and conclude around January 31, 2021.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

To further the goals of Rising Voices, we have a one-time opportunity for people to submit proposals for seed funding. We are soliciting proposals that engage both Indigenous and Earth sciences experts and are focused on responding to our climate crisis. Proposals will be for small projects that can be completed with the limited amount of funds, or for seed funding to catalyze a new effort such as writing a larger proposal for the full scope of funds needed. The projects should aim to transcend the boundaries that often separate science from society and achieve culturally relevant and scientifically robust actions through intercultural, relational, and collaborative work that brings together Indigenous knowledges and sciences with Earth sciences in a respectful and inclusive manner. A panel of reviewers will select three proposals to be funded at a maximum of \$5,000 each.

Successful awards will receive a contract with the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. Selected proposal teams will be expected to meet specific deliverables including a short interim report (due September 30, 2020 for which half of the award amount will be dispersed), a final report (due January 31, 2021 for which the remaining half of the award amount will be dispersed), and a final webinar presentation of the funded work in Winter. Additionally, a short description of completed projects will be highlighted on the Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences website. *Please note: We support tribal data sovereignty and request that the project lead not share via these opportunities any detailed information that may potentially infringe on data sovereignty or free, prior, and informed consent of knowledge holders.*

TIMELINE

August 14 - application due
August 31 - inform applicants
September 30 - 1st report due
January 31 - final report due

Requirements for RV Seed Funding proposals:

- Demonstrate a clear focus area that will contribute to knowledge or action that can benefit science and humanity
- Engage both Indigenous knowledge, wisdom, and practices and Earth science approaches
- Clearly state how ethical considerations, including ethical methodologies, will be identified and addressed in your project
- Provide a brief budget justification for how the funds will be used

If possible, please submit your application through the online form by following this link or pasting it into a browser: <https://forms.gle/RiC6SQXLsAQuG5NY7>

Otherwise, you are welcome to respond to the following questions in a word document and email it to: **RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com**

Proposed Activity Title:

Proposed Activity Lead

Name

Title

Affiliation

Email address

Other Team Members (this does not have to be a complete list at this time):

Is the proposal for a small project or to facilitate writing a larger proposal to another funding agency?

Which of the following *best* describes the proposed focus area (please select one even if your project is relevant to more than one focus area):

- **Knowledge-building through Indigenous and Earth sciences**
Projects focused on bringing Indigenous and Earth sciences and practices into partnership, honoring people and places in the pursuit of inclusive sciences.
- **Supporting students and youth**
Projects focused on providing opportunities for and elevating the voices of Indigenous students and early career scientists through scientific and community mentoring and engagement.

- **Increasing community resilience and adaptive capacity**
Projects focused on supporting adaptive and resilient communities through sharing scientific capacity, and include a diversity of knowledges and sciences through a holistic approach.

Proposed Activity Summary – Please provide a 100-word description or less of your proposed activity. This should be written in clear and accessible language.

What is the primary goal of the proposed activity? Please provide a 300-word description or less of your primary goal, including why the goal is important. This should be written in clear and accessible language.

How will you accomplish the goal of the proposed activity? Please provide a 500-word description or less of the steps you propose to take to accomplish your goal. This should be written in clear and accessible language.

How are Indigenous and Earth sciences perspectives being engaged in the proposed activity? Please specifically state how both Indigenous and Earth sciences will be engaged in 200 words or less (it is okay if this repeats points made in previous sections).

How will you ensure that Indigenous knowledge, wisdom, and people are protected in the proposed activity? Please specifically state how any Indigenous knowledge, wisdom, or people will be protected in 200 words or less (it is okay if this repeats points made in previous sections). Applicants must demonstrate an ethical, accountable methodology. Successful funding recipients will be able to submit to the National Center for Atmospheric Research Institutional Review Board if they propose to work with human subjects. They will also be supported to work with tribal review boards.

Budget justification. Please provide the total budget request (up to \$5,000.00) as well as a brief description of how it will be spent. (Please consider how you will spend the funds, for example, will there be salaries for the project lead and other team members? Will there be costs associated with venue rental, will additional project participants be compensated for their time?)

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