



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Seed Funding for Centering Justice in Climate Research & Action

PROPOSALS DUE: Friday, June 25, 2021 at midnight local time

The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences is offering three \$5,000 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 July 20, 2021 and conclude around November 20, 2021.

The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences facilitates intercultural, relational based approaches for understanding and adapting to extreme weather and climate events, climate variability, and climate change. The program brings Indigenous and other scientific professionals, tribal and community leaders, environmental and communication experts, students, educators, and artists from across the United States, including Alaska, Hawai'i, and the Pacific and Caribbean Islands, and around the world. The aim is to center Indigenous knowledge systems in the Earth sciences for more innovative responses to extreme weather and climate change, and to create a more diverse and inclusive Earth sciences to drive a climate-resilient and just world.

To further the goals above, Rising Voices has an opportunity for people to submit proposals for seed funding. Proposals are being solicited that engage with both Indigenous and Earth sciences 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.

Proposed projects must relate to at least one of Rising Voices' three core priorities:

- **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 early career**
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.

Within these core priorities, the proposed projects should: center justice in the convergence of science, community, and action; engage both Indigenous and Earth science approaches; engage in issues around phenology, community relocation/site expansion, energy systems, water systems, food systems, and/or health; work to achieve culturally relevant and scientifically robust actions; and be conducted through relational and collaborative, place-based work that brings together all partners in a respectful and inclusive manner.

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.

Anyone may apply to this Request for Proposals. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of people with a deep knowledge of the work of the Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences. Reviews will be guided by the proposal's relevance to the three core priorities and the connections to what the proposed projects do within these core priorities (see above).

Please click on the link below to begin your online application, or see the attached PDF and submit a word document with your application to:

RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com

If you have any questions about the solicitation or application process, please send an email to RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com

**Please access the application by following this link
or pasting it into a browser:**

<https://forms.gle/x3zZoZELBnwv32Ys5>