

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE INITIATIVE

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Call for Proposals **Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative**

Due Date Extension: April 19th
“Collaborating across Centers”

Proposals and other expressions of interest from Notre Dame faculty are invited to advance research as part of the Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative (ND-ECI) <http://eci.nd.edu/>.

For this 2017 competition, ND-ECI aims to fund ideas that will ultimately tie ND-ECI research in environmental change to other areas such as human health, energy, policy, ethics, technology, or other ND research priorities. Proposals that connect existing ND centers and institutes to ND-ECI will be prioritized.

We welcome ideas that would promote collaboration across ND’s research portfolio to expand research success. We encourage proposals for working groups, academic visitors, or other types of support for collaboration that would forward research relationship-building. While seed funding for new research projects will be considered, our goal with this year’s solicitation is to foster new or budding collaborations to extend ND-ECI’s research vision.

Merit Criteria: Successful proposals will describe a specific plan to develop a larger extramural proposal or other important output. The strongest proposals will have potential for timely impact within and outside the academy and the capacity to generate products quickly. Other desirable criteria include the following: cross-center/institute; potential to enhance the reputation and academic visibility of Notre Dame research; and a well-conceived strategy to maximize the probability that the activity will influence management or policy, or result in technology transfer and commercialization. Leveraging of funds from other Centers and Institutes will also be reviewed favorably.

Project Duration: Project funds will generally be available for one year from the start date of the project (TBD by investigators). For larger scopes of work, funds may be distributed incrementally according to a benchmarked timeline (see #7 in proposal elements).

Awards: We expect requests for funding to fall between \$10,000 and \$40,000. Request for a larger proposal from a group of faculty could be considered but should be discussed with the ECI leadership prior to proposal writing.

Proposal Preparation: Please contact Program and Business Manager Joanna McNulty for questions about proposal preparation or to vet any large project ideas.

Due Date for Proposals: March 31th. Submit proposals to Joanna McNulty at mcnulty.9@nd.edu.

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Evaluation Process and Timetable: The evaluation committee will be made up of ECI Director, Jennifer Tank and Associate Directors, Diogo Bolster and Patrick Regan. Ad Hoc reviewers may be recruited if the number or technical complexity of proposals necessitates. ND-ECI Managing Director, Tom Springer and Program and Business Manager, Joanna McNulty will serve as ex-officio members. Decisions will be announced by April 30th.

Proposal Required Elements: Please describe your potential project using the headings and order below:

1. **Prior Support:** If you have received prior support from ECI, please indicate what support was received. Provide a list of submitted proposals, products, and publications that resulted from the initial seed funding. Discuss any other relevant indicators of the successes from that prior funding including the successes of postdocs and RAPs who may have been funded as part of your award. *This section may be up to 1 page.*

Sections 2-8 should be <3 pages long.

2. **Title, lead investigator and other investigators** (with departmental affiliations in parentheses)
3. **Description of activity and/or question to be addressed.**
4. **Importance and potential impact of topic or activity.**
5. **Goals and mechanisms for translation to products or proposals.**
6. **Approach and methods (if research oriented) or other appropriate narrative as needed to describe activities.**
7. **Project/activity timeline and deliverables:** Please include start and end dates and any interim dates of importance (i.e. target date for a workshop or trip).
8. **Budget Narrative and Justification:** Please provide information on the funds you are requesting (specific line items, time commitments, rates of pay as applicable). Add any brief narrative that is essential to justify the budget, and indicate how you are leveraging existing resources.

If successfully funded, the following Terms of Award will be required:

- Lay Abstract suitable for use on the ND-ECI website.
- Annual progress report.
- Resulting proposal submissions or publications should be affiliated with ND-ECI