

Belmont Forum International Opportunities Fund on Arctic Observing and Research for Sustainability

National Annex: FRANCE/CNRS

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The official national call announcement for France-CNRS has been published on two dedicated website, the official site of CNRS <http://www.cnrs.fr/> and the website of the French Arctic Initiative <http://www.chantier-arctique.fr>. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the Belmont Forum website <http://iqfagcr.org/index.php/belmont-forum>. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For French enquiries please see below.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

The project proposal will be declared eligible if the consortium includes at least one French partner belonging to the "research organization" category.

Moreover, the project proposal will be declared ineligible if CNRS establishes that it is:

- "similar" to a project that has already been funded by CNRS (any of its institutes)
- "non-unique".

National eligibility and specific requirements for French scientists to participate in the call:

The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) is a government-funded research institution, under the administrative authority of France Ministry of High Education and Research. CNRS was commissioned by the Minister of Higher Education and Research to mobilize and organize the French scientific community to address these fundamental issues. Several research organizations and institutions are going to be involved in this process during the building up of the French Arctic Initiative led by the National Institute for Earth Sciences and Astronomy (CNRS/INSU). A scoping exercise involving all the French scientific community is presently defining 13 scientific priorities with increasing degree of integration but covering the 5 main themes of the Belmont-Forum CRA Arctic call

It is then expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document.

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