Funding & Support

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) provides a wide array of funding and support services to accelerate the work of scholars involved in cutting-edge socio-environmental synthesis at our Center.

SESYNC supports **Pursuits, Workshops, and Short Course participants** with:

- Facilitation of interdisciplinary teams.
- Additional funding for computationally-intensive projects.
- Travel, accommodations, and meals for meetings at our Annapolis Center.
- Access to and support in using cyberinfrastructure.
- State-of-the art meeting facilities and informal collaboration space.
- Assistance from a team of 17 full-time staff members.

All eligible expenses are paid directly or reimbursed. SESYNC does not make grants or subawards to other institutions. Exceptions may be made for projects requiring significant time for a research assistant to perform computational work at their home institution.

In addition to full use of Center resources and facilities, **Fellows** receive the following:

- Researchers in residence for at least two months receive salary support.
- Postdoctoral Fellows receive an annual stipend, full University of Maryland benefits, and an annual travel allowance for meetings and collaborations.
- Sabbatical Fellows receive a stipend based on time in residence and a housing allowance.
- Policy & Practice Fellows and Short-Term Visitors receive funds to travel to and work on-site at our Annapolis Center.
- Maryland Fellows may be eligible for University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) fellowship funding (if tenure-track faculty at UMCP). Scholars from other institutions may be eligible for a limited stipend provided by SESYNC.

Not Funded

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) does not fund:

- The collection of new empirical data that requires field work, surveys, or assessments at sites other than SESYNC.
- Projects that should be funded by another entity.
- Projects that are not linked to the SESYNC mission.
- Projects requesting overhead or funds to be spent by the Principal Investigator (PI) at the PI's home institution. (Salary support for a PI or research assistant may be provided for computationally-intensive projects.)

SESYNC **does** fund the collation of information/data that already exists in a highly dispersed or currently unusable forms, as well as the integration and analysis of different types of information/data,

synthetically-derived data products, model building, and other creative processes.