

SESYNC Invites Proposals for Interdisciplinary Team-Based Research

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National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) Announces Fall 2019 Request for Proposals for Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Team-Based Research

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) brings together diverse groups in new, interdisciplinary collaborations to identify solutions to society's most challenging and complex environmental problems. SESYNC announces its **Fall 2019 Request for Proposals** for collaborative and interdisciplinary team-based research projects under two programs: Pursuits and Workshops.

SESYNC invites proposals for pressing socio-environmental synthesis projects focused on tools, methods, and other practices applicable to actionable team research.

We encourage those interested in these opportunities to **discuss their ideas** with SESYNC prior to developing their proposal. Discussions with team leaders can often help determine whether an idea is appropriate for SESYNC, as well as how syntheses might be structured to achieve strong interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary outcomes. Please contact research@sesync.org [1] to schedule a conversation. In your email, include a paragraph and/or short concept document about your project ideas (even if they're not fully developed) to help us put you in touch with the appropriate person at SESYNC.

You may also find our videos on [Tips for Submitting Your Research Proposal](#) [2] and [Lessons Learned for Interdisciplinary Collaboration](#) [3] helpful as you develop your proposal.

Pursuits

SESYNC provides support to convene *Pursuit* teams of **10-12 people** from diverse backgrounds. Pursuits are highly interdisciplinary synthesis research projects that address pressing socio-environmental problems. Pursuit teams meet in intensive bursts at our center in Annapolis for **three in-person meetings of three to five days each over 18 months**.

We invite innovative and creative proposals on any pressing socio-environmental problems. Below we list a few focal themes for the Fall 2019 RFP:

- Any Pressing Socio-Environmental Problem(s)
- Social and Environmental Dimensions of the Food-Water-Energy Nexus
- Global Change and Health
- Freshwater and Ecosystems in a Changing World
- Socio-Environmental Implications of Large-Scale Infrastructure Projects

Pursuit applicants should develop research questions and methods for results that will apply across multiple places and scales, and can inform decision makers. We are interested in projects that can bring together quantitative data, qualitative data, and diverse knowledge.

Proposals must be uploaded to SESYNC's online submission system by September 16, 2019 at 5:00pm Eastern Time.

More details on the Pursuit RFP can be found [here](#) [4].

Workshops

Teams interested in applying for a Workshop, a **single meeting** of up to **25 participants**, may focus on a broad topic or a set of related topics relevant to socio-environmental synthesis. Workshops may summarize and/or synthesize the state of the topic and/or identify future directions that have the potential to lead to a larger synthesis effort.

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More details on the Workshop RFP can be found [here](#) [5].

Other Opportunities

SESYNC also invites proposals for its [Sabbatical, Policy & Practice, and Maryland Fellowships](#) [6], in addition to its [Short-Term Visitor](#) [7] program. Application instructions for each program can be found on our website.

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[1] <mailto:research@sesync.org>

[2] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmjLD3Ff3ao>

[3] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUy37FpilRU>

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