



Call for Proposals

**Public Call for Proposals in the field of Ocean Sciences & Technology
involving Research Collaboration between Nova Scotia and Rio Grande Do Sul**

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FUNDAÇÃO DE AMPARO À PESQUISA DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL – FAPERGS and the INSTITUTE FOR OCEAN RESEARCH ENTERPRISE (IORE) make public the Call herein, whose objective is to support the active involvement of graduate students (Masters and PhD) and postdoctoral fellows in joint projects in the field of Ocean Science and Technology, according to the requests and conditions established herein. Registrations will be open until **24/04/2015** and shall be sent jointly to FAPERGS and IORE, with the required documents. In Brazil, the procedure will be ruled by the Federal Law number 8.666/93. Information may be obtained at www.fapergs.rs.gov.br or in the head office of FAPERGS, at Av. Borges de Medeiros, 261, 2º andar in Porto Alegre/RS – Phone: (51) 3221.4922

1. Scope

This call for proposals (**Call**) is made in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation for Research Support of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (**FAPERGS**) and the Province of Nova Scotia, represented by the Department of Labour and Advanced Education (**NS-LAE**). In recognition of their common interest in supporting scientific and technological research and innovation activities in priority areas, support is being provided by FAPERGS and NS-LAE to establish scientific collaboration by means of exchanging researchers to collaborate on joint projects in the field of Ocean Sciences & Technology.

The Call and program will be administered by the Institute for Ocean Research Enterprise (**IORE**) in Nova Scotia, Canada and FAPERGS in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Both IORE and FAPERGS will participate in monitoring and evaluating activities.

2. Eligibility

Proposals are encouraged in any area of ocean sciences and technology, including biological, physical and chemical oceanography, marine biology, marine geology and geophysics, interdisciplinary ocean sciences, marine (bio) technology, and marine aquaculture.

Proposed activities should have a duration of two years, and have a maximum budget of C\$12,500 per year / **C\$25,000** total (for Nova Scotian activities) plus R\$30,000 per year / **R\$60,000** total (for Brazilian activities). Proposals should demonstrate a strong collaboration between the Nova Scotian and Brazilian investigators.

IORE and FAPERGS anticipate funding six two-year projects through this Call. Proposals must involve researchers from one or more eligible institutions in Nova Scotia and researchers from one or more eligible institutions in Rio Grande do Sul. The active involvement of graduate students (Masters and/or PhD) and postdoctoral fellows is permitted and encouraged.

Eligible researchers in Rio Grande do Sul will be those who are linked to graduate programs in the field of ocean sciences and technology accredited by CAPES (Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel). Eligible researchers

in Nova Scotia will be those who are linked to university graduate programs in the field of ocean sciences and technology within universities that are recognized by NS-LAE.

An individual will be permitted to serve as the sole Principal Investigator (**PI**) on no more than one funded project. At the discretion of the review committee, a person may be a co-PI on multiple funded projects and/or a PI on one funded project and a co-PI on one or more other funded projects.

3. Use of Funds

Funding made available to successful joint research projects may be used to support the following costs:

For Nova Scotian research teams:

- Travel costs (e.g. airfare, local travel, health insurance, living allowance) for participating researchers and graduate students/postdoctoral fellows
- Research operations costs and expendables
- Minor equipment costs (max. 10% of consolidated project budget)
- Overhead or indirect costs of research (max. 7% of consolidated project budget)

For Brazilian research teams:

- Travel costs (e.g. airfare, local travel, health insurance, living allowance) for participating researchers and graduate students/postdoctoral fellows

3.1 Financial Resources

For this Call, FAPERGS and IORE will make available, respectively, R\$ 360,000.00 (three hundred and sixty thousand reais) and C\$150,000.00 (one hundred and fifty thousand Canadian dollars).

3.2 Eligible Items and Deadlines

Up to 6 (six) projects lasting up to 2 (two) years each will be financed.

4. Application Process

Full proposals should be submitted in accordance with the Full Proposal Instructions available from IORE (for Nova Scotian applicants) and FAPERGS (for Brazilian applicants).

5. Selection Criteria

Funding decisions will be at the sole and absolute discretion of IORE and FAPERGS, with a view to the following criteria:

- a) Scientific quality and originality of the proposal;
- b) Feasibility of the proposal and associated budget;
- c) Potential impact of the results, including economic development potential;
- d) Mutuality and complementarity of value-added benefit from the Nova Scotia-Rio Grande do Sul collaboration;
- e) Expertise of the proposed researchers;
- f) Potential for securing significant matching funding or future funding from other sources;

g) Involvement of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

6. Agreements for Selected Projects

Proposals selected for funding will each be the subject of two research grants and agreements: the first between FAPERGS and the PI(s) in Rio Grande do Sul, and the second between IORE and the university(ies) represented by the Nova Scotia PI(s).

7. Timeline and Key Deadlines

7.1 For Nova Scotian applicants

- Announcement of Call for Proposals: 9 March 2015
- Deadline for Electronic **Submission** of Proposals: **24 April 2015**
- Preliminary Notification of Awards: 19 June 2015
- Final Notification of Awards 6 July 2015

7.2 For Brazilian applicants

ACTIVITIES	DATES
Announcement of Call for Proposals	09/03/2014
Deadline for the submission of the proposal by mail	24/04/2015 (*)
Decisions made by the Review Committee	12/06/2015
Preliminary disclosure of results posted on the FAPERGS website	19/06/2015
Deadline for appeals	26/06/2015, by SEDEX (*)
Final Disclosure of Results	06/07/2015
Signature of Grant Agreement	31/07/2015 (*)

(*) *Considered to be the date of document posting at the Post Office*

8. Additional Information

Additional information is contained in the “Full Proposal Instructions” document associated with this Call. Copies may be obtained at <http://iore.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/NS-FAPERGS-Instructions-for-Proposals-FINAL.pdf> (for Nova Scotian applicants) or http://www.fapergs.rs.gov.br/upload/20150309085258fapergs_edital_01_2015_iore.pdf (for Brazilian applicants).

Questions related to this Call should be referred to:

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