



LIVING EARTH COLLABORATIVE CENTER FOR BIODIVERSITY

Call for Proposals

The Living Earth Collaborative is pleased to announce its first call for proposals. The Collaborative welcomes proposals for collaborative activities of all sorts that would support its mission to advance knowledge of biodiversity and to ensure the future of earth's species in their many forms. In particular, we will consider the following types of proposals:

- Seed Grants for collaborative research projects
- Seed Grants for collaborative conservation projects
- Working Groups
- Workshops
- Symposia
- Invited Lecture(s)

Additionally, we welcome proposals for other sorts of activities, and would be pleased to support groups that wish to convene meetings on particular topics as a prelude to future proposals. If in doubt about whether an idea is worth proposing, please contact Jonathan Losos (losos@wustl.edu).

To be eligible for consideration, proposals must meet three criteria:

1. They must be about biodiversity.
2. They must represent a collaboration. Proposals can include collaborators from any institution, but at least one PI must be from one of the Living Earth Collaborative partners (Washington University, the Saint Louis Zoo, and the Missouri Botanical Garden). Preference will be given to proposals representing a collaboration including¹:
 - a. PIs from two of the Living Earth Collaborative's partner institutions;
 - b. A PI from one of the partner institutions and a PI from an institution contributing matching funds (e.g., Saint Louis University);
 - c. PIs from different departments at Washington University.
3. They must represent new research projects.

¹ But not limited to; additional PIs from other institutions may be included.

Details

Proposals may ask for up to \$30,000. In exceptional cases, proposals for larger amounts will be considered. Funding will not be provided for faculty salaries or course relief.

Tenure-track or tenured faculty and full-time, permanent staff members are eligible to serve as PIs.

Proposals must provide details on the rationale for the project, as well as the specific activities that will be involved. In addition, proposals should indicate the expected outcome of the grant and how the grant would set the stage for next steps (e.g., large-scale grant applications). In addition, any funding relevant to the project that has already been obtained or applied for must be noted.

Review of proposals will begin April 13, 2018. Proposals received after this date will be considered if funds are still available.

Applications

Applications should include a cover page listing the name, institutional affiliation, and contact information of the Lead PI and other PIs.

The proposal may be up to 3 pages in length, single-spaced.

An additional page containing budget information should be included.

Proposals should be emailed to livingearth@wustl.edu. Receipt of the proposal will be acknowledged by return email within one business day.

Questions? Contact Jonathan Losos (losos@wustl.edu).