



CENTER FOR COASTAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PILOT FUNDING INITIATIVE

NOI DEADLINE: January 27th, 2023
PROPOSALS DUE: February 17th, 2023
FUNDER: Center for Coastal Climate Resilience
PROGRAM: Climate Resilience Pilot Initiative
FUNDING LEVEL: Up to \$100,000
PROJECT PERIOD: May 15th, 2023 to June 30th, 2025
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OVERVIEW

The Center for Coastal Climate Resilience is launching a Pilot Funding Initiative to foster research projects, collaborations and creative works that address coastal climate related impacts and solutions. Up to \$100,000 may be requested to support early-stage and developmental activities. The awards will go to projects that have not previously received funding from public or private sources sufficient to complete a proof of concept or developmental phase.

All grants need to specifically address the impact of the proposed work and how it relates to coastal climate resilience. Priority will be given to projects that result in tangible early products or outcomes that can inform understanding of climate risks and provide solutions and actions. Funding may be used for the development of new capabilities or working groups, facilitated workshops, conferences, acquisition of key data and materials, preliminary testing and design, grant and event planning, and dissemination and promotion. Budgets might include personnel support (postdocs, GSRs, research staff, undergraduates), travel, event costs (including staffing), materials and supplies, IT resources, participant support, etc. Funds can be distributed to other institutions, tribes, and community partners, but will require justification. Distribution is dependent upon ability to agree upon terms.

Faculty summer salary is not eligible for funding. Course release may be an allowable expense, to be determined following consultation with departments and divisions after award recommendations have been made. Please direct any questions about the appropriate use of funds to [Heather Bell](#), the Director of Research Development.

A key aim of these pilot funds is to support the development of new projects and programs that can be competitive for external funding. Other measurable outputs might include new research or artistic infrastructure; policy briefs; decision support tools; prototypes; guides for various aspects of planning and implementing mitigation and adaptation projects/initiatives, frameworks for community or industry engagement; or creative content or design required to stage an exhibition or performance or to produce a film.

ELIGIBILITY

All UCSC tenure-track or tenured faculty, research faculty and staff members with PI status at the time of application are eligible to apply. Members of the CCCR Advisory committee are eligible to apply and will not be involved in the selection process. Faculty may propose to only one of the UC Santa Cruz Center for Coastal Climate Resilience initiatives as lead PI. They may be part of additional proposals as a co-investigator or collaborator.

Adjunct faculty, visiting faculty, postdoctoral fellows or scholars, fellowship trainees, graduate students, and undergraduates are not eligible to be PI, but are eligible to be part of a research team.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (NOI) DUE: January 27th, 2023

NOIs are required and information will be gathered via a [google form](#). Please submit the form by January 27th, 2023. The NOI form requests the proposed project title, the names and affiliations of the PI and all confirmed collaborators, and a 2-3 sentence description of the project (to facilitate review). Questions regarding the NOI can be directed to hmbell@ucsc.edu.

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Submit proposals through UCSC InfoReady: <https://ucsc.infoready4.com/#homePage>. Requirements are described below.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The full application will include the following items:

Cover Page. Include the project title; Principal Investigator (PI) name and contact information; names and contact information of all Co-Investigators; and the department and the research accountant for this project, if awarded.

If you have identified an external funding opportunity or opportunities for a follow-up grant, please include that information on the cover page. Identify the sponsoring agency or foundation and the specific RFA or program, as appropriate.

Project Description (not to exceed two pages). The Project Description should outline a) the overall goals of the project, b) its significance, and c) potential impact. It should also include a description of the activities and approach that will be used to achieve the project goals and provide a timeline with key milestones. Proposal reviewers may not be experts in your field. To assist the review process, please avoid using discipline-specific jargon.

Contribution of Co-Investigators. If the project is a collaboration, each major contributor listed on the cover page should provide a short (up to ½ page) summary of their role in the proposed work and the unique value they bring to the team.

Budget and Justification (submitted via Excel template available in InfoReady).

Provide the total amount requested as well as estimates for major budget categories (e.g., personnel, support to tribes or community partners, consumables and materials, travel, etc.). Include an itemized justification of how the funds will be used. Please refer to [this sheet](#) for GSR cost estimates. If including events that require staff support, you will be asked to upload a brief statement of support from the unit providing assistance (e.g., department, research institute) as part of your application; an email is acceptable. This unit will provide you with the event staffing cost estimate to include in your budget. The project budget may be further negotiated if awarded and does not need to go through OSP.

CVs. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) (not to exceed four pages) is required for the Principal Investigator and each co-investigator. CVs should include the following:

- Education history;
- Academic and other significant positions held;
- Significant Products: Relevant peer-reviewed publications, creative projects, etc;
- Funding support: List all active internal and external funding support, recently completed funding support (last 3 years), and any pending support. This will help evaluate appropriateness for seed funding. Include all support from federal, state, foundation, departmental, and university funds. Include dates of funding, PI/PD, dollar amounts, and a brief but clear description of the work supported by the awards. If none, please state.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The overall goal of the CCCR Pilot Stage Funding program is to facilitate preliminary work required to successfully compete for extramural funds and formulate major creative works in the area of coastal climate resilience. Applications will be evaluated based on the likelihood that the proposed work plan will result in concrete outputs representing the completion of a developmental phase in the implementation and funding of a new research or artistic project.

Projects should be innovative and have a defined impact on the understanding and practice of coastal climate resilience. Highest priority will go to projects that identify pathways to reducing coastal climate risks and build or enhance partnerships (e.g., with agencies, tribes, NGOs, businesses) that can help develop and implement solutions. Applications should be responsive to the review criteria below:

Alignment

- Does the project identify one or more coastal climate risks?
- Does the project represent an early, developmental stage in enhancing coastal climate resilience that has not received significant previous funding?
- Is the project consistent with State of California climate priorities?

Collaboration

- Does the team assembled for the project bring together the needed disciplines?
- Does the project identify potential partners/parties that could implement solutions for reducing coastal risks and enhancing climate resilience?

Significance

- What is the novel, unique, or creative component of the project?
- Does the project complement, challenge, or expand relevant perspectives in the field?

Impact

- What is the overall impact of the project?
- Does the project identify a potential solution for enhancing coastal climate resilience?
- How does the project address equity and social justice?
- What is the likelihood that the project will attract external funding?
- How will the applicant share project outcomes with a wider public or audience?

Feasibility

- Does the proposal address access to essential resources, environment (personnel, space, facilities), and budget to support the desired outcomes?
- What critical milestones are included to assure timely progress?

PROGRESS REPORTS

A progress report detailing the work accomplished through the Pilot Funding award will be required at the end of the award period. You will be sent a Google Form requesting the following: 1) a brief summary of progress made towards the objectives, 2) a financial report indicating the use of the awarded funds, and 3) information on submitted proposal(s) or planned submissions.