



January 2013 – REQUEST FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE PROPOSALS

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program Social Science Research Projects

Program Description: The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program (IISG) issues this call for social science research projects to be completed in FY 2014-15. Illinois- and/or Indiana-based researchers are welcome to apply. Research questions should be designed to identify perceptions and attitudes which affect behavior change and/or evaluate programs, decision-support tools or social networks currently in place. Projects should consider outcomes such as economic growth, community resiliency, quality of life and/or adoption of community sustainability practices. Projects should also address one or more of the following priority topic areas and should demonstrate relevance to the Illinois and/or Indiana coastal areas of Lake Michigan:

1. Indicators of Great Lakes literacy and/or evaluation of education networks in place to address and improve Great Lakes literacy
2. Contaminant removal programs currently underway, especially those related to Areas of Concern and/or unwanted pharmaceuticals
3. Spread and impacts of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes region
4. Adaptation to climate change in Lake Michigan coastal areas

Scope of projects can vary, i.e., projects could span the whole Great Lakes basin or a specific stakeholder group in Illinois or Indiana, but all projects should demonstrate relevance to the IISG program. In addition to addressing the priority areas, projects should fit into one or more of the four national Sea Grant focus areas: Healthy Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture, Resilient Communities and Economies, Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development. Visit www.iiseagrant.org to learn more about IISG programs currently in place.

We anticipate funding 1-2 full projects. Project investigators from educational or research institutions in Illinois or Indiana are eligible to apply. Investigators may request up to \$70,000 from IISG and must demonstrate at least 50% match in non-federal funds (1 non-federal dollar for every 2 federal dollars requested). Projects will last up to 24 months.

All interested parties must submit a letter of intent (LOI) to iisgres@purdue.edu by **5:00 PM Central Time on February 8, 2013**. Full proposals should be submitted to the same address by **5:00 PM Central Time on April 17, 2013**. Full proposals from parties who did not submit a LOI will not be considered. LOIs should include information outlined in the guidelines (below). LOIs will be reviewed by social science specialists and screened for the following:

- Does the work fit within the scope of the priority areas?
- Is the work scientifically significant?
- Will the anticipated results provide positive impacts and fill important knowledge and data gaps?

Letters of intent that review well will be encouraged to submit full proposals. Full proposals will require a two-page 90-2 project summary form, a 90-4 budget form plus narrative, and six page plan of work. Further instructions for submitting full proposals and all required forms can be found here:

<http://iiseagrant.org/funding/forms/coreforms.html>.



Guidelines for Letters of Intent

Letters of intent should be saved as a single PDF document and sent as an email attachment. Please include the PI's last name in the name of the attached file and indicate "2014 IISG Social Science LOI" on the subject line.

LOIs should contain the following information in *2 single-spaced pages or less using 11-point font or greater**

Title

Investigators and their affiliations

Duration (1 Feb 2014–31 Jan 2016)

Description of the problem addressed, methods, and objectives

Expected results, impacts, or outcomes

Relevance to priority areas and IISG programs

Preliminary budget

A brief breakdown of costs, especially support for any graduate students. Also include overhead as required by each institution. Letters of intent do not need a fully executed budget. If invited to submit a full proposal, investigators will need to demonstrate a 1 non-federal dollar: 2 federal dollars requested match. Match does not need to be detailed in this preliminary budget.

*In addition to the letter of intent, please provide a maximum two-page bio-sketch or CV for each investigator demonstrating sufficient expertise and a history of sponsored-project completion, including publication.

Questions regarding eligibility or application requirements may be directed to Carolyn Foley at cfoley@purdue.edu.

Proposal Timeline

- February 8, 2013 **Letters of Intent** due in program office (with preliminary budgets)
- Late February, 2013 Encourage high ranking letters of intent to submit full proposals
- April 17, 2013 **Full proposals** due in program office
- Early fall, 2013 Notification of funding, accompanied by panel and peer reviews
- Late fall, 2013 Final adjusted proposals due in program office
- February 1, 2014 Project initiation (subject to the availability of funds)

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program (IISG), a cooperative enterprise of the University of Illinois and Purdue University, supports research, technology transfer, and outreach and education activities for issues of importance to the southern Lake Michigan region in the two states. IISG is part of the National Sea Grant College Program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce.
