

# RESEARCH PROPOSAL

**(Maximum length 1000 words + References cited + Illustrative material)**

Candidates should provide a description of the project, indicating its expected achievements and showing what the candidate and the host institute are expected to gain from the work. The write up **must** include the following headers and **must** answer the questions posed within each header. (The word count for the research proposal **does not** include the references cited or extra illustrative material – e.g. tables and/or figures)

**Title:**

**Objectives:** *What are you going to do?*

**Background and Rationale:** *Why is it important? Why should it be done now and at this particular host institute?*

**Relevance:** *How does the proposed research activity/work 'fit' with SCAR's goals?*

**Methodology:** *How are you going to do it?*

**Deliverables:** *What do you expect to achieve?*

**Success Factors:** *What will show if the project has succeeded?*

**Budget:**

(i) *How much money is required, and how will it be spent? Please outline a budget indicating approximate expenditures on travel, accommodation, subsistence, materials, and other anticipated costs.*

(ii) *Are you able to obtain additional financial support? If so, how much and from where?*

**References cited** (Attach as Appendix 1, maximum 1 page)

**Illustrative material - tables and figures** (Attach as Appendix 2, maximum 1 page)

Please upload your Research Proposal (and any relevant appendices) as a single document, preferably in PDF format, during the online application process at <http://www.scar.org/fellowship/application>.

## Evaluation

SCAR will coordinate volunteers from the Antarctic research community with specific expertise in your indicated discipline areas to evaluate your application. This will be based on a series of 5 categories:

### Quality of the proposal: (35%)

This section will evaluate the overall quality of the proposal with respect to the proposed research and methodology. This will be based primarily on your research proposal and the evidence you provide for its importance, timeliness and how well both your own background and the expertise of the host institute contribute to the proposal.

**Relevance to SCAR and COMNAP activities and/or Groups: (25%)**

How does the research you are proposing fit in with the existing research activities of SCAR Groups and Programmes and COMNAP science support efforts? How will you follow up with these activities after the Fellowship ends?

**Does the proposal help build capacity in a country that would most benefit?: (20%)**

What specific benefits will you as a Fellow, and your home institute, gain from the Fellowship? Do you plan to have specific Outreach activities at your home institute or elsewhere in your home country to communicate the results and experience of your Fellowship?

**Is the study largely self contained?: (10%)**

Has the proposal made it clear that the planned research is well thought through and has a data plan in place agreed with the host institute?

**Is the study feasible in the time estimated and will it likely lead to publication?: (10%)**

Your proposal needs to make clear that you have considered the practicalities involved in undertaking the research and that there are clear deliverables that can be achieved.