Workshop Program

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For our currently open Requests for Proposals for Workshops, please see:
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Overview

Workshops are single meetings of up to 25 participants that focus on a broad topic or a set of related topics related to socio-environmental science and/or socio-environmental problems. Workshops may summarize and/or synthesize the state of the topic and/or identify future directions that have the potential to lead to a larger synthesis effort. Even in a Workshop setting, a synthesis of existing data, knowledge, methods, etc. should emerge. We are particularly interested in projects that explore new modeling approaches, tools to advance modeling, or education materials associated with socio-environmental modeling (e.g., systems dynamics modeling, network modeling, agent-based modeling).

Teams should be highly interdisciplinary (natural and social scientists), and we encourage the inclusion of individuals from outside of academia (e.g., governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, the business sector). Projects co-developed by academic researchers and non-academic knowledge users (from the NGO, private, and government sectors) are encouraged. SESYNC places priority on teams whose members have not had extensive prior collaborations with one another. Please see our website for examples of successful projects.

For workshops, the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) support provides:
● travel, lodging, and meals for participants in accordance with our Travel Policies [3];
● meeting facilities;
● on-site computing support; and
● the opportunity to engage with Postdoctoral and Sabbatical Fellows at SESYNC headquarters in Annapolis, MD, or at our research affiliate, Resources for the Future, [4] in Washington, D.C.

Workshop proposals are evaluated with regard to the following criteria:

● novelty, creativity, and/or urgency of the proposed workshop within the context of SESYNC’s mission;
● feasibility to produce meaningful advancements, including identifying distinct and achievable goals and showing ability to access appropriate resources;
● qualifications and disciplinary diversity of participants;
● if successful, produce meaningful synthetic research or advance the process of synthesis;
● inclusion of diversity to broaden the participation of underrepresented groups with respect to gender, ethnicity, disability, and geographic location; and
● explanation of why SESYNC is the most appropriate way to support the proposed endeavor.

Proposal Development

We highly encourage those interested in this RFP to discuss their ideas with SESYNC prior to developing their proposal. Discussions with team leaders can often help determine whether an idea is appropriate for SESYNC, as well as how syntheses might be structured to achieve strong interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary outcomes. Please contact research@sesync.org [5] to solicit feedback or arrange a conversation, once a current RFP is open. In your email, please include a paragraph and/or concept document about your project ideas even if not fully developed (e.g., your research questions; what kind of socio-environmental data you plan to synthesize; what kind of product you envision). This will help in ascertaining whether or not your proposal aligns with SESYNC’s mission and in putting you in touch with the right person at SESYNC.


Support Details

Details on SESYNC funding and support can be found here [8].

Support for Workshops includes travel, lodging, and meals for participants in accordance with our Travel Policies [9]. All Workshops are held at our facilities in Annapolis, MD.

Support is also offered for aspects of interdisciplinary team science, including meeting design and facilitation of specific sessions as needed.

Pursuit support does not include salary support, stipends for participants, or grants to other institutions.
Project Eligibility

Workshops must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- There may be no more than 25 total participants
- Projects should have two PIs/team leads
- At least one PI/team lead must be based at a U.S. institution
- Graduate students are not eligible to apply as PIs/team leads for this opportunity, although they may participate in workshops. SESYNC offers a separate Graduate Student Pursuit program for students wishing to lead working groups.
- The project cannot involve collection of new empirical data

Please see the SESYNC FAQ [10] for more information on the types of projects we support.

Apply

Please see our Opportunities page [1] for current Workshop opportunities and additional details on submission requirements.

Questions?

Email: research@sesync.org [5]

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