



## **GRANTS PROGRAMME 2009**

### **STATEMENT AND SCHEDULE**

**Deadline for receipt of applications: 1 December 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The ICSU Grants Programme supports collaborative scientific initiatives of relevance to science and society. It is a competitive, peer-reviewed programme for ICSU Scientific Unions, Interdisciplinary Bodies, and Joint Initiatives in collaboration with other ICSU bodies including Regional Offices.<sup>1</sup>

Proposals for 2009 grants must focus on the themes of the ICSU [Strategic Plan 2006-2011](#) and should be international and multi-disciplinary. Projects should involve scientists across disciplines and national borders, and projects that promote the involvement of young scientists, women, and scientists from developing countries are encouraged. Proposals that address the strategic priorities of the ICSU Regional Offices (see Annex) will be particularly welcome.

ICSU will support neither 'travel grants' to attend standard scientific meetings and conferences, nor 'fellowship programmes'. Regular laboratory or field-based research projects that are normally funded by research funding agencies will not be funded. ICSU will not support the setting up or maintenance of websites and journals. Funding should be regarded as catalytic; funding over several years for the same or similar projects usually will not be granted

The total funding available for the Grants Programme in 2009 is Euro 300,000 and so a **ceiling of Euro 30,000 is imposed on all applications.**

#### **Review Criteria and Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed in terms of scientific merit, relevance to the ICSU Strategic Plan and the priorities of the ICSU Regional Offices, innovative nature, interdisciplinary and international focus, visible and measurable outputs, and potential for developing follow-on activities.

Applicants must provide sufficient information on how the proposed objectives will be effectively achieved within the financial resources available. A number of proposals have been unsuccessful in the past because they have not included an adequate work plan.

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<sup>1</sup>See [http://www.icsu.org/5\\_abouticsu/INTRO.php](http://www.icsu.org/5_abouticsu/INTRO.php) for listings of relevant bodies.

Each proposal will be reviewed independently by at least three members of ICSU's Committee on Scientific Planning and Review and, if necessary, external reviewers. The final ranking of proposals is a consensus decision by the whole Committee. Results will be announced in February 2009 and funds will be made available immediately thereafter.

### **Lead and Supporting Applicants**

Each application must have one Lead Applicant, who will assume the principal responsibility for the project, and at least one, or preferably several, Supporting Applicants. The roles of Supporting Applicants and any other partners in preparing and carrying out the work must be made clear in the application.

Lead Applicants can be ICSU International Scientific Unions or Interdisciplinary Bodies/Joint Initiatives. Formal Supporting Applicants can be Unions, Interdisciplinary Bodies/Joint Initiatives, ICSU Regional Offices, National Scientific Members, as well as International and National Scientific Associates. Partnerships with other organizations, e.g., UN agencies, are encouraged and should be described in the relevant section of the application form.

Lead Applicants may submit no more than one application.

### **Submission of Applications**

- All applications must be submitted via email to [maureen@icsu.org](mailto:maureen@icsu.org) no later than 1 December 2008. Only the electronic application format is acceptable and applications received in other formats will not be considered.
- Letters from all Supporting Applicants must be submitted by email or fax with the application. Such letters should acknowledge that the application has the full support of the respective organization and clearly indicate the Supporting Applicant's role in carrying out the activity.
- It is the responsibility of the Lead Applicant to ensure that all documentation is submitted.

### **Reports**

Grant recipients must submit a final project report as well as an itemized financial statement showing the utilization of funds in conformity with work plans by **1 June 2010**.

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## ANNEX

### Priorities of ICSU Regional Offices

ICSU has Regional Offices for [Africa](#), [Asia and the Pacific](#), and [Latin America and the Caribbean](#). The Regional Committees that advise these offices have laid out scientific priorities that fit both the ICSU Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and the societal needs of each region. These priorities guide the work of each office, and activities are already underway on most themes. The Regional Offices can inform ICSU Grants Programme applicants on these activities and are best positioned to advise them on targeting and planning complementary initiatives.

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Asia and the Pacific</b>	<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and human well-being</li> <li>• Sustainable energy</li> <li>• Natural and human-induced environmental hazards and disasters</li> <li>• Global environmental change research in Africa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural and human-induced environmental hazards and disasters</li> <li>• Ecosystem approach in water and food systems</li> <li>• Sustainable energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics education</li> <li>• Natural disasters</li> <li>• Sustainable energy</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>
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