



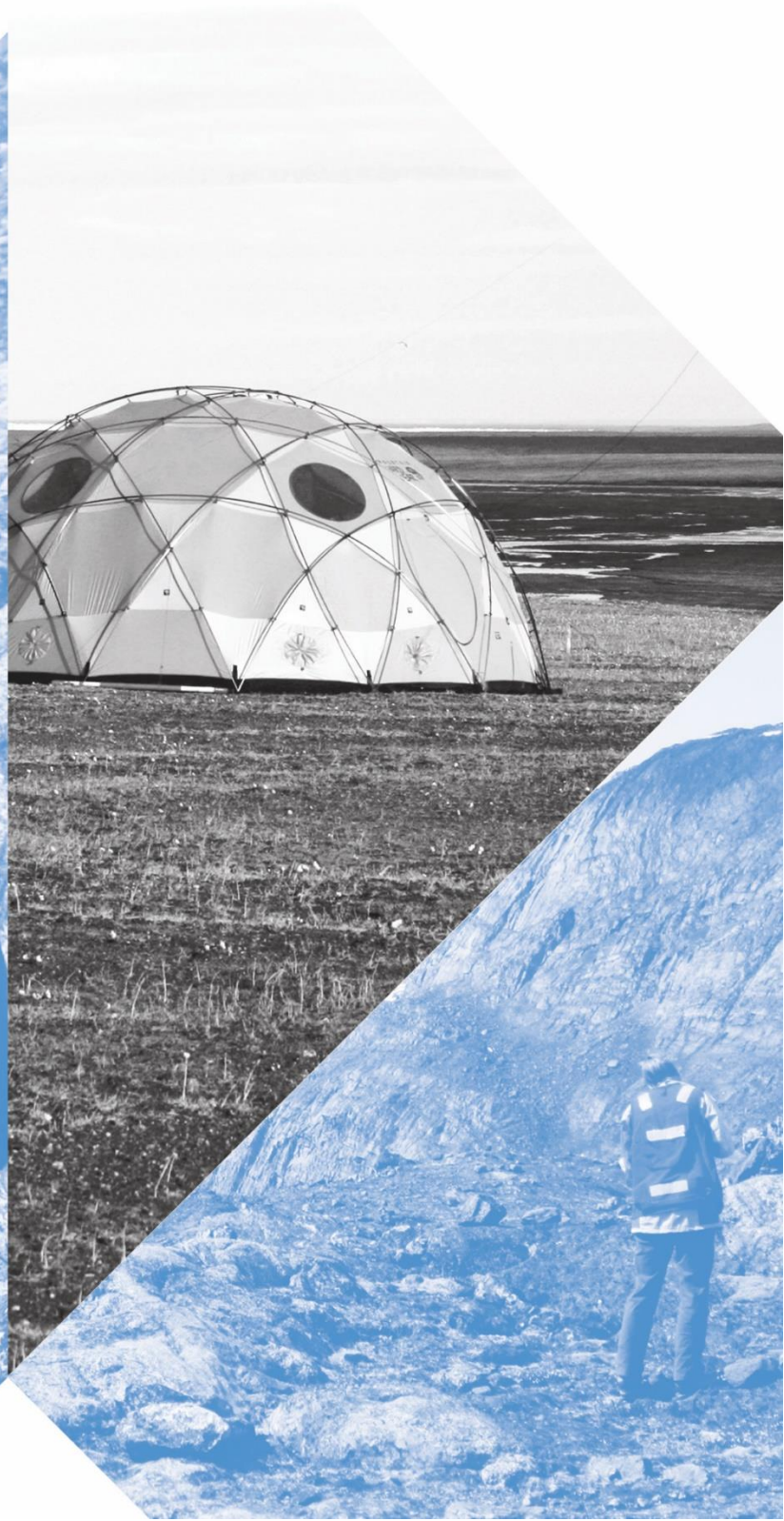
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GEM- GeoNorth

GEM-GeoNorth will deliver innovative, cutting-edge and modern geoscientific research in northern Canada, focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities facing economic development in the North.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRANT PROPOSAL FORM

Fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025

GEM-GeoNorth

GEM-GeoNorth has an available budget to fund multi-disciplinary grant agreements with Indigenous governments and organizations or groups, Canadian and international not-for-profit organizations, provincial, territorial, regional or municipal governments, and Canadian and international academic institutions. Over the next years, the GEM-GeoNorth Program is looking to support innovative proposals to help develop long-term capacity building in Northern and Indigenous communities and/or would better enable Northerners to incorporate GEM-GeoNorth data and knowledge in their decision-making.

The GEM-GeoNorth Program is currently seeking proposals for projects to be completed within 12-24 months (expect period covered from April 1, 2023 to March 31st, 2025).

The GEM-GeoNorth Proposal Template is available by request to the email address below.

Proposals must be received by **December 14, 2022** to:

gem-geonorth-gem-geonord@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

Only the information provided in the template will be considered in the evaluation

For more information, please contact:

gem-geonorth-gem-geonord@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

Please circulate this call for proposals to any additional parties who might be interested.

Web: <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/resources/federal-programs/geomapping-energy-minerals/18215>

Program context:

GEM-GeoNorth is a geological research program led by the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

GEM-GeoNorth is a continuation of the Geo-Mapping for Energy and Minerals (GEM) Program, but with a broader scope to reflect today's realities and priorities in northern Canada. GEM was a 12-year mapping and research program to bridge the significant geoscience knowledge gap in the North. Despite great progress made in GEM, northern Canada remains under-mapped relative to southern Canada.

The GEM-GeoNorth Program will continue to fill this knowledge gap by delivering innovative, cutting-edge and modern geoscientific research, focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities facing economic development in the North.

GEM-GeoNorth will incorporate more complementary climate change research than its previous iterations, in an effort to enhance our understanding of the rapidly changing environments, landscapes and coasts in the North, and how to adapt to these changes. Research to support climate-resilient existing and future infrastructure related to mineral resource development, along with associated projects, will be conducted.

Overall program objectives:

- A strong Northern economy through stable, long term investment in responsible mineral resource development;
- Northerners and their institutions and the exploration industry use modern geoscientific knowledge to inform decisions on Northern development;
- Land-use decisions and climate adaptation strategies are guided by geoscience and Indigenous knowledge;
- Access to geological knowledge regarding resource potential in Canada's Arctic and North is enhanced;
- Increased understanding of rapidly changing Arctic and Northern landscapes and coasts, and the cumulative effects of climate change, affecting existing and future infrastructure related to mineral resource development, and how to address these changes;
- The availability of Northern geoscience from innovative data driven tools maximizes decision-making; and,
- Research priorities, knowledge products and capacity building aligned with priorities of Northerners and Indigenous peoples.

Eligible projects:

To be eligible for funding, projects must be in line with and support the overall Program objectives.

Project activities could include:

- Geoscience training for youth and/or community members to enhance participation in mineral economic development opportunities;
- University/Technical College student training at undergraduate/graduate/post-graduate level;
- Conferences/workshops/seminars related to geoscientific data and knowledge transfer, including outreach and training activities or services that enhance capacity, education, and outreach materials for stakeholders, networks, and communities;
- Development and improvements to information management and information technology systems that would inform and provide new knowledge and tools to Northern communities, governments and industry, and serve to support mineral resource development, climate-resiliency, and sustainable land use;
- Development, sharing and/or application of tools, practices, procedural standards and knowledge (e.g., software/modelling decision-support tools, technical guides, communication plans, guidance documents, implementation roadmaps, best practices, case studies, summary reports, etc.).

Projects will not include profit-making initiatives.

Eligible Recipients:

Eligible Recipients are:

- First Nations and Indigenous organizations and groups;
- Canadian and international not-for-profit organizations (including industry, research and professional associations);
- Provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments, and their departments and agencies where applicable;
- Canadian and international academic institutions.

Eligible Expenditures:

Eligible expenditures must be directly related to the approved projects and may include:

- Salaries and benefits;
- Professional, scientific and contracting services;
- Travel expenditures, including meals and accommodation, based on National Joint Council Rates; for academic institutions, travel expenditures may be in accordance with their established policies and directives;
- Transportation rentals and leases;
- Facility rentals and meeting expenses;
- Communications materials including: translation, printing and binding, promotion of workshops and publication of project reports;
- Office operating and maintenance expenditures that directly support the project (e.g. materials, supplies and equipment including computer software and computer support services);
- Accounting/administrative services (not to exceed 15% of total project costs); and,
- Goods and Services Tax, Provincial Sales Tax and Harmonized Sales Tax, net of any tax rebate to which the Recipient is entitled.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals must be submitted by email to gem-geonorth-gem-geonord@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

Proposals must include the following details, as indicated in the form below:

- Contact information for the project Proponent (name, mailing and e-mail addresses, phone number, organizational affiliation);
- Project title and amount of funding, in Canadian currency, requested under the Program;
- Detailed description of the project that includes: Background/context; Objective/purpose; and, Detailed work plan for the duration of the project;
- Detailed budget by category of expenditure and year, including projected cash flow forecast;
- Description of the capacity and financial capability of the organization to deliver the project;
- The extent to which project activities will contribute to the GEM Geo-North Program outcomes, and a catalogue of anticipated project results/deliverables;

- Description of how you plan to engage and communicate with Northern and Indigenous communities impacted by your proposed research activities;
- Description of benefits of funding the project: to Northerners, Indigenous organizations, governments, and communities, to Canada and to the Applicant;
- Details of collaborations and leverage, including a list of all other collaborators for this project;
- Description of previous experience using GEM knowledge and data (if applicable); and
- Itemized project funding and in-kind contributions expected from all sources including the Recipient, federal sources and other supporters, in total and by year.

The proposal form includes statements that the Proponent must agree:

- To comply with the *Official Languages Act*;
- If applicable, comply with the Conflict of Interest and Post-employment Code for Public Office Holders; and,
- To confirm that no member of the House of Commons or Senate will be admitted to any share or part of the proposed activity, or to any benefit arising therefrom.

Occasionally, outside a call for proposal and subject to budget availability and time, funding may be considered for unsolicited proposals if they are directly aligned with Program objectives. In these circumstances, the Program will document the reason for non-solicitation, and the proposals will be treated, and assessed, in the same manner as proposals received under a normal solicitation process.

Assessment Criteria:

After verifying the eligibility of the Recipient, proposals will initially be reviewed and assessed for alignment with Program objectives listed above.

Proposals deemed to be aligned with the Program objectives will then be assessed by the Geoscience Grant and Contribution Program Review Committee. The Committee will assess proposals against the following criteria:

- Duration of the project and requested budget (i.e. size and scope);
- Risks associated with the project (e.g. proposed work plan/methodologies to achieve project objectives are appropriate/adequate; Recipient possesses suitable capacity to deliver the project);
- The estimated cash and in-kind contributions being made to the project by the Recipient and other stakeholders/participants;
- Whether alternatives to the project being proposed exist; and,
- The amount of funding available, and any limits set by the Terms and Conditions or proposal solicitation documents.

If appropriate, the assessment may be complemented by external review (e.g., implicated provinces, territories, Indigenous groups, and/or relevant industry associations).

Maximum Amount Payable:

The maximum amount payable per Recipient will not exceed \$50,000 (CAD) in fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$75,000 (CAD) in fiscal year 2024-2025.

Stacking of Assistance:

NRCan's contribution is limited to the maximum amount and eligible costs identified in these terms and conditions and will represent the minimum level required to secure the agreed-upon activities in support of individual project proposals.

Total government assistance will not exceed 100% of total project costs. The federal government's contribution will be limited to 75% of total project costs, except when Recipients are academic institutions or Indigenous organizations, groups or communities. When Recipients are academic institutions, federal contributions will be limited to 95%. When Recipients are Indigenous organizations, groups or communities, federal contributions may be up to 100%.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY GRANT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

FY 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

Organization: <i>Include full name, principal contact, mailing and e-mailing addresses</i>	
Type of organization: <i>Please note that federal Crown Corporations are not eligible to receive funding under this Program</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Indigenous organizations, governments and communities <input type="checkbox"/> b) Canadian and international not-for-profit organizations* <input type="checkbox"/> c) Provincial, Territorial, Regional, Municipal governments <input type="checkbox"/> d) Canadian and international academic institutions <input type="checkbox"/> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>*including industry and research and professional associations</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed activity title:	
Proposed amount of funding being requested:	
\$ _____ CAD <i>Not to exceed \$50,000 in FY 2023-2024</i>	\$ _____ CAD <i>Not to exceed \$75,000 in FY 2024-2025</i>
Activity description: <i>Please provide a description of your proposed activity, specifying how your proposed activity meets the GEM-GeoNorth Multidisciplinary Grant criteria described in the call for proposals</i>	

Budget: <i>Using the table below, provide a detailed accounting as to how grant funding is expected to be utilized</i>	2023-2024 (ending on March 31st, 2024)	2024- 2025 (ending on March 31st, 2025)	Total
Salaries and benefits			
Students			
Other employees			
Professional and technical services			
Communication Services			
Informatics Services			
Others			
Meeting, workshop or training related costs			
Computer equipment/software			
Office equipment including telecommunications equipment			
Communications material - costs related to publishing, printing services,			

Budget: <i>Using the table below, provide a detailed accounting as to how grant funding is expected to be utilized</i>	2023-2024 (ending on March 31st, 2024)	2024- 2025 (ending on March 31st, 2025)	Total
Exposition			
Facilities rentals			
Postage, freight, express & cartage			
Other meeting, workshop or training related expenses			
Travel related costs			
Travel expenses			
Accommodation			
Food & beverages			
Fuel			
Equipment (including rental/leases)			
Motor vehicles (i.e. automobiles, trucks, ATVs, etc.)			
Informatics equipment			
Goods and products			
Other eligible costs (please specify)			
Administrative/business service costs			
Specialized business services (accounting & audit, administrative, engineering and architectural; informatics, translation, etc.) [please specify] Note: percentage overhead charges are not considered an eligible Program expenditure; however, NRCan is amenable to making allowances for reasonable/appropriate, itemized, project-related business and administrative charges (not to exceed 15% of total project costs).			

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Other eligible expenditures [please specify below]			
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING REQUEST			
OTHER FUNDS (Including in-kind)			
TOTAL PROJECT COST			

Additional Funding: *Please list additional sources of funding. Note: Canadian and international not-for-profit organizations, Provincial, Territorial, Regional, Municipal governments are required to have a minimum of 25% of project costs from other sources. Academic institutions are required to provide 5% of funds from other sources. If you do not have additional funding, please write N/A.*

Provide an estimate (in CAD) of the resources that will be contributed (cash + in-kind). The list should include your contribution as well. Limit: 750 characters

Anticipated project outputs/results: *Provide specific deliverables, including dissemination plan). Note: tools and approaches that will be made publically available following their development will be prioritized. Limit: 600 characters*

Engagement with users: *How do you plan to engage and communicate with Northern and Indigenous communities impacted by your proposed research? How do you plan to present results?*

If you are a representative of an Indigenous organization, government, and/or community impacted by GEM-GeoNorth research, please write "N/A."

Please provide GIS coordinates of your proposed work. Limit: 600 characters

Benefits of funding project:

Project management capacity *Provide evidence that the activity team has the necessary capabilities, experience and qualifications to deliver the project, including examples of previous demonstrated experience with similar work. Limit: 500 characters*

Financial management capacity: *Please provide a description of your organization/institution's financial management capacity; e.g., sources of revenue, internal financial controls, number of full-time employees, etc. Limit: 500 characters*

Collaborations and leverage: *Please provide a list of all other collaborators for this project (e.g., Northern community/organization involvement, industry/university support, other grants etc.), indicating clearly whether they are based in Canada's North Note: Research must be conducted independently of any involvement by the Government of Canada, including direct collaboration with government or use of Government of Canada facilities such as labs and/or personnel. Limit: 500 characters*

Other comments: e.g. NRCan/Lands and Minerals Sector/Geological Survey of Canada previously provided Grant/contribution funding? The proposal activity supported by other stakeholders/ partners, etc. Limit: 500 characters

Declaration:

By submitting this Grant proposal, you certify that:

- You have the management, financial and technical resources to fulfill the undertaking;
- You will provide the information on results;
- No former public servants to whom the *Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders* or the *Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service* apply, are involved in the Project;
- If lobbyists are used, you will ensure the lobbyists are registered in accordance with the *Lobbyist Registration Act*, no potential conflict of interest exists, and you do not pay lobbyists on a contingency fee basis. If you contract with lobbyists to assist in seeking a contribution from federal government entities, fees paid to lobbyists are not to be related to the value of the contribution.

Financial administration contact information: Name, title and affiliation of project financial authority

Proposal submission date:

