

Global OAE Field Research Network: Request for Information - Researcher Track

In addition to your interest in the Field Research Network, the Carbon to Sea Initiative would like to understand more about your potential or current research or OAE development plans.

This track is intended for academics, engineers, public institution researchers, scientists from adjacent fields (geochemists, aquaculture practitioners, etc.), MRV technology developers, or OAE developers **looking for a field trial or pilot location**. This track of respondents will have a research or technology development focus, but are not committed to a specific site for their research.

Submission Guidelines

- Determine which track (Researcher or Field Site) is more relevant to you and your organization and ensure you are answering the appropriate questions.
- The Researcher Track RFI contains only 5 questions. It is intended to gather a summary of your ambitions and traction to date, not a comprehensive accounting of all qualifications, actions taken, and future goals. There will be opportunities to provide more detailed information at a later date via a Request for Proposals (RFP).
- We suggest limiting your response length to between 200-500 words per question
- If you would like to include supplementary or supporting information there will be the option to upload additional documents when you submit your RFI response
- RFI submissions should be uploaded in .docx, or .pdf format
- Submissions should be uploaded as part of the [submission questionnaire](#) on the Carbon to Sea website. There will be a short series of basic questions <2 minutes required when you upload your response
- Submission deadline is **Friday, August 15th, 2025 at 5:00pm EDT**.
- Questions can be directed to research-network@carbontosea.org.

Note: No funding is planned to be deployed directly as a result of this RFI. The RFP that follows the RFI will be the mechanism for collecting proposals for funding.

RFI Questions

1. Please provide some **background information** about yourself and your work.

Relevant information may include a summary of your research interest areas, prior research experience or organization's focus. You should also include information about your research ambitions / vision for future research and collaboration.

2. Share with us your **OAE-specific scientific research & development focus**.

Please include a summary on what you intend to study and why this is a priority for you, your organization and/or the field at large. Please include relevant details (as available) for example research questions, dispersal engineering, priority feedstocks, etc.

3. Describe the **field site characteristics & infrastructure** that would make this research particularly effective and efficient.

For the kind of field research you're interested in conducting, describe the must-haves and nice to have, for example: existing baseline or modeling capabilities, port or access infrastructure, instrumentation, or physical or biogeochemical characteristics of the ideal site.

4. Please tell us about the **funding you have secured** or is available via matching / co-funding opportunities? Please share an estimated **budget**, if available.

May include public or private funding already secured, commitments for co-funding and an estimated budget required to support the desired research (approximate estimate is ok). Please note this RFI is not a funding mechanism; it is designed to inform a future Request for Proposals (RFP) which will aim to disperse funding.

5. Are there **additional details or contributing factors** you would like to highlight?

May include relevant partnerships, collaborations or unique considerations for your work.