

2026 OAE Research Call for Proposals: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. Is there a limit to how many responses an applicant can submit?

Lead applicants may apply to more than one funding opportunity if their interests and capabilities are relevant to multiple calls. Within the Global Field Research Network Funding Opportunity, applicants may propose multiple sites, but must choose one grant type per site. If the pre-proposal review team determines a different grant type may be more appropriate, the review team may invite the applicant for a full proposal to a different grant type than originally submitted.

2. Are there budget limitations for submitted proposals?

Each call has its own budget allocation as listed in the funding opportunities summary table, which indicates the total funding available for project(s) awarded under each call. All submitted budget proposals must be within the selected call's budget allocation, inclusive of indirect costs of up to 15%, if applicable. The budget may be used for a wide range of costs, including: personnel, professional services, equipment, facilities rental, research expenses, project-relevant travel and convening activities. See the "Use of Funds" section in the [Terms and Conditions](#) for more detail.

Project **funds may not be used for** lobbying or to directly subsidize carbon crediting operations and must have clear open science or public benefit.

3. Are there project timeline limitations for submitted proposals?

The project timeline for submitted proposals is capped at 36 months. Faster results may improve your proposal's prospects.

4. Can multiple institutions be involved in a single proposal?

Proposals involving multiple institutions are eligible, provided the lead applicant's institution is able to receive the full award amount and facilitate sub-grants to the partner institutions, as needed.

5. What is Carbon to Sea's confidentiality policy for submitted proposals?

Proposals will remain confidential to Carbon to Sea's evaluation process. External subject matter experts may be retained to review proposals in part or in full, and will sign a conflict of interest declaration and confidentiality agreement.

6. Are there additional requirements that awarded projects need to adhere to?



Carbon to Sea requires all applicants to review the [Terms and Conditions](#) that will apply to awarded projects before submitting their proposal.

7. Who is Carbon to Sea?

The Carbon to Sea Initiative is a non-profit research and development effort with the objective of accelerating research into ocean alkalinity enhancement (OAE) to support climate change mitigation. CTS brings together experts from a range of different fields (from scientists to market shapers and engineers) to systematically assess OAE methods, techniques, and equipment to determine whether it is safe, scalable, and results in a permanent reduction in atmospheric CO₂.