# SPI Exploratory Grants

# Application form

Deadline for applications: 23 October 2019, 12:00 (Swiss time)

**Reminder about eligibility rules:**

Please make sure to study the eligibility rules for this call. Ineligible applications will not be submitted to evaluation. To be eligible, proposals must notably respect the call’s general aims, the definition of the call’s target public, eligible costs as well as geographic focus.

**A complete application file consists of:**

A) Online submission form (contact and main information)

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B) Attachments to be uploaded into online form as pdf:

1) Application form in pdf (compulsory – use provided word form below)

2) CV of the applicant, incl. publication list in pdf (compulsory – free format)

Incomplete proposals will be considered ineligible.

**Submission information:**

All applications must be submitted online: <https://cutt.ly/pwdLOVC>

The online submission form will be closed on the deadline date. No late applications will be accepted – no exceptions!

Should you encounter any problem in the submission process, contact: [spi-grants@epfl.ch](mailto:spi-grants@epfl.ch) .

Please note however that trouble-shooting in the last minutes before the deadline cannot be guaranteed and that SPI will not accept applications sent by email.

# Application form

# **Part 1: General Information**

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| **Applicant:**  Surname, First Name,  Academic title |  |
| **Institution:**  Name, Institute/Group |  |
| **Scientific project/initiative:**  Title |  |
| **Keywords:** |  |
| **Geographic focus:** | Arctic / Antarctic / other (please specify)  Precise region |
| **Timeframe:** | **Start**:  **Duration**: |
| **Requested budget (CHF):** |  |

# **Part 2: Project description**

# 1. Summary of the initiative/project proposed for funding (max 400 words)

*Concise statement on the goals, the most important features and the significance of the initiative/project proposed for funding*

# 2. Description of the initiative/project proposed for funding (max 1600 words)

*Please outline the following elements (one separate part for each element): 1) status of research in the field; 2) detailed research plan (including aims and methodology); 3) milestones and timeline for the research plan; 4) feasibility of scientific research plan; 5) importance and impact of the proposed project*

# 3. Use of the requested funds

# *Please explain why additional funding is crucial for the success of the initiative/project and what impact the SPI funding would have on the overall project. If additional funding has been secured (SNSF, EU, private foundations, etc.), please specify what the SPI Exploratory Grant would be used for in case of a successful evaluation (added value).*

# 4. Logistics and local partners

*Compile a precise list of requirements (access to infrastructure, etc.)*

*Outline the feasibility, existing local contacts or support and the logistics involved.*

# 5. Budget requested

*Please outline how the requested amount (a maximum amount of 40’000 CHF) would be distributed among the different budget lines (see table below). For each cost category, please break down the total and identify each single item as precisely as possible.*

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| **Category** | **Details** | **Amount requested** |
| Travel |  |  |
| Equipment / Consumables |  |  |
| Logistics (shipment, access to station, etc.) |  |  |
| Scientific analysis |  |  |
| Data processing |  |  |
| Other |  |  |

# 6. Other sources of funding

*Please outline the status of other sources of funding.*

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| **Status** | **Source(s) of funding** | **Amount** |
| Confirmed |  |  |
| Pending confirmation |  |  |

# 7. Scientific partners (max 400 words – CV of the PI and main collaborators should be included as appendix)

*Please explain the synergies between the partners and the rationale behind the consortium (if relevant). Describe the scientific partners in the project, including the PI, specifying their name, career stage, institution, country, key competences relating to the research undertaken and role in the project.*

# 8. Additional information (max 200 words)

*Please highlight here any useful additional points.*

# 9. References

*Websites, publications, etc. which might be useful in assessing the proposed field trip.*