



GREAT LAKES INTEGRATED SCIENCES + ASSESSMENTS

2014 Great Lakes Climate Assessment Grants Call for Letters of Interest

This year, the [Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center \(GLISA\)](#) will conduct a two-tiered funding competition. Funding awards will be in two categories: Emerging Actions awards and Sustained Assessment awards. In both categories, we seek “boundary organizations” that can bring together stakeholders from specific sectors or communities to identify and promote understanding of the vulnerabilities, anticipated impacts, and potential for adaptation to climate change and variability. GLISA will support these activities by identifying and providing relevant information about the historical climate, projected futures, and adaptation to potential impacts.

GLISA is a NOAA-funded partnership between the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Through research and services, GLISA builds capacity to respond to climate-related risks within the Great Lakes region (GLISA defines the Great Lakes region as the eight U.S. states which fall completely or partially within the Great Lakes basin and the Province of Ontario). For more information about the organization and its mission, please visit glisa.msu.edu or glisa.umich.edu.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest by Friday, July 11, 2014. GLISA will evaluate these letters and invite some teams to submit full proposals.

Funding Categories

Emerging Action Awards

Through this category, GLISA will award 4 to 5 one-year grants of up to \$50,000 each to organizations that will work with their stakeholders and GLISA to address the risks of climate change and variability in the Great Lakes region. These grants should aim to integrate climate information into stakeholder work and knowledge.

Sustained Assessment Awards

Through this category, GLISA will award 2 – 3 one-year continuation grants of \$25,000 - \$50,000 to researchers and organizations currently supported by GLISA. These grants should either build directly on the past GLISA supported work or research or should seek to replicate the processes that GLISA supported in a new region or program area.

Funding Priorities

These grants will expand GLISA’s mission as a boundary organization. Boundary organizations intentionally straddle the boundary between science and decision making. Therefore, GLISA is soliciting proposals from organizations that will engage networks of stakeholders in science-grounded processes to identify, assess, and/or resolve climate-related problems or management issues.

The proposed work must be clearly linked to adaptation to climate change and variability in the Great Lakes Region. (Projects that link adaptation and mitigation will be considered, but those that address mitigation alone will not.) Projects should address a specific problem, decision, policy, or management issue facing a particular sector or geography (defined by natural or political boundaries). Projects that engage networks of users, either through professional associations, membership organizations, natural feature systems (ie watersheds) are strongly encouraged to apply. For examples of past and ongoing GLISA projects, please see visit our website: <http://glisa.umich.edu/function/projects>

Eligibility

Community, nongovernmental, academic, non-Federal government, trade associations, and other not-for-profit organizations with an active presence in the Great Lakes region (U.S. and Canada) are encouraged to apply. Interdisciplinary teams and partnerships are encouraged. Organizations that have received GLISA funding in the past may propose new projects.

These grants may be used to cover salaries of project team members, communication with appropriate stakeholders, and hosting meetings and work sessions.

GLISA Contributions

- Funded projects are considered a partnership between GLISA and the funded organizations. In addition to funding, potential contributions of GLISA to projects include:
- Guidance on the integration of climate information into decision processes.
- Identification and evaluation of existing historical climate data and projections specific to the sector or geography under consideration.
- Narrative descriptions of historical climate data and projections, including the limitations and uncertainties associated with them.
- Identification of data on potential impacts, management strategies, and other topics as necessary and feasible.

Anticipated Deliverables

Grant recipients will:

1. Submit quarterly progress updates and participate in quarterly webinars with other funding recipients from the 2014 cohort and past funding cohorts.
2. Produce a five- to ten-page white paper, summarizing the results of your effort and the process used to reach those results, including interactions with decision makers. This white paper is due one year following the receipt of funding and will be posted on the GLISA website.
3. Participate in a workshop for funded projects during the GLISA annual meeting (anticipated in December 2014).
4. Cooperate with GLISA researchers conducting ongoing evaluation studies of climate adaptation in the region.

Proposal Process

Letters of interest should be submitted electronically via the [GLISA Application Portal](#) and must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, July 11. Letters should be no more than two pages and briefly outline the purpose and scope of proposed work including:

- the grant category (Emerging Action or Sustained Assessment Awards)
- the problem or topic to be addressed
- a description of stakeholders interested in this problem or topic
- description of the project team, including relevant experience in engaging stakeholders and science
- anticipated data and information needs

The GLISA Core Management Team will review the letters of interest, and by late-July, invite a subset of teams to submit a full proposal by late-August. Only applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal letter of interest are eligible to submit full proposals. Final funding decisions are anticipated in September 2014. Awards will begin as early as December 2014.

Interested organizations are strongly encouraged to participate in a Q&A conference call, which will be held on Friday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m. EDT. To register for this call, visit: the [GLISA Supported Boundary Organizations Page](#) or register via the [GLISA Application Portal](#).

Please direct questions to Beth Gibbons, GLISA Program Manager, at elzrenc@umich.edu or via phone at 734/263-2643.