

IUGG Grants Program – SPECIAL CALL – IYBSSD2022

On 2 December 2021, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the year 2022 as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development ([IYBSSD2022](#)). The IYBSSD 2022 will focus on the links between basic sciences and the UN Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)). It was proposed by a consortium of international scientific unions and scientific organisations including IUGG, led by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics ([IUPAP](#)).

The IUGG Bureau has decided to issue a call for proposals to be dedicated to IYBSSD2022. All proposals should address international cooperation in Earth and space sciences and highlight the importance of basic science for sustainable development. Key scientific priority areas for this call are (i) creation of new knowledge in Earth and space sciences; (ii) dissemination of knowledge, data and information on geoscience topics; (iii) geoscience for sustainable development; (iv) geoscience and policy interface; (v) geoscience education and outreach in developing countries; and (vi) networking of early-career scientists in geoscience.

Typical proposals¹ related to at least one of the priority areas and dedicated to IYBSSD2022 may be for an interdisciplinary conference / workshop / symposium addressing the importance of international cooperation in the geosciences, an enhancement of geoscientific research and Earth science education in Member countries as well as less developed countries. Although the range of activities supported is broad, the project proposals should be clearly focussed on fundamental science, its societal importance, and how it can be used to address the SDGs, and their results are expected to provide clear recommendations to politicians and other decision makers at national and regional levels, and to the general public in terms of the urgent and long-term actions to be undertaken. The deliverables of the projects should bring increased visibility of IUGG, its Associations, and any Commissions involved. The proposed activity should be organised before **30 June 2023**.

Proposals should be submitted by IUGG Associations and/or Union Commissions. Any grant application must involve at least two IUGG bodies (Associations and/or Union Commissions). Preference will be given to proposals that are interdisciplinary, especially those involving more than two of the IUGG Associations and Union Commissions as well as regions of Africa, Asia/Oceania, Latin America, and the Middle East. Proposals should be international in scope and involve female scientists, early-career scientists, and scientists from developing countries. The involvement of further [IYBSSD partners](#) is encouraged.

The number of proposals to be funded is not fixed, but depends upon relevance, quality, proposal budget requests, and the total amount of funds available for the Grants Program, which for this call is USD 65,000. A ceiling of USD 20,000 is imposed on all applications. Co-sponsorship from other sources is encouraged. **The deadline for the project proposal submission is 31 July 2022.** Following the call, all proposals are peer-reviewed in open competition by the IUGG Bureau. If necessary, experts may be invited to participate in the review process. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 September 2022, and announced on the IYBSSD2022 website. For funded projects, a report is to be sent to the IUGG Secretariat by 31 October 2023.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications electronically. The application form can be obtained from the [IUGG Secretariat](#) by request from Secretaries General of IUGG Associations and Union Commissions.

¹ Note that proposals should be aligned with the [2019 IUGG Resolution #1](#), that seeks to reduce the Carbon Footprint of IUGG activities. This implies that air travel should be kept to a minimum, and priority assigned to travel grants within continental areas that can be serviced by modes of transport other than by air.