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**ANTARCTIC FIELDWORK SUPPORT REQUEST –
COLLABORATIVE ANTARCTIC SCIENCE SCHEME (CASS) PROPOSAL**

Please follow the instructions on this form carefully, as failure to do so may disqualify your bid. The completed form should be sent as an e-mail attachment to: afibas@bas.ac.uk. Proposals must be accompanied by a Letter of Support from the Science Leader of the BAS-based science partnership, or from the Principal Investigator of the NERC-funded project or programme which the CASS proposal is associated with. For further information, please refer to [this link](http://www.bas.ac.uk/science/opportunities-for-polar-fieldwork/antarctic-science-collaborative-gearing-scheme).

Proposals should be received **no later than 16:00 on 12th April 2024 for support on the RRS SDA’s late season Rothera rotations during the 2024/25 austral summer field season.** Submissions received after this deadline will be considered only if there are exceptional mitigating circumstances for the late submission and if the requested logistic support is still feasible on the proposed timescale. Contact details of the proposed fieldwork personnel must be supplied to the Antarctic Access Office afibas@bas.ac.uk **no later than 30th June 2024** so that BAS is able to include those persons in scheduled briefing and training events in preparation for Antarctic deployment.

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| **1. Investigators:** | **Principal Investigator** | **Co-Investigator (1)** | **Co-Investigator (2)** |
| **2. Institution:****3. Address:** |  |  |  |
| **4. Contact telephone:** **e-mail:** |  |  |  |

If there are more than two Co-Investigators, please list their respective details on a separate sheet.

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| **5. TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT** (Do not exceed 200 characters)  |
| **6. ABSTRACT** (Do not exceed 750 characters) |
| **7. BAS LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND SHIP FACILITIES REQUESTED**Noting the facilities that are specified as potentially being available during the late season ship calls to Rothera, please summarise the proposed fieldwork, including location(s) and any constraints on the timing. Provide information about the logistic support needed and any ship facilities that will be required. Note that requests for logistic resources significantly in excess of those already committed to the support of grant-funded projects or to other existing Antarctic fieldwork programme commitments by BAS cannot be considered. |
| **8.** **ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING SCIENCE ACTIVITY**Please indicate which NERC grant-funded project or BAS science programme component the proposed research will be associated with. |
| **9.** **BRIEF SCIENTIFIC CASE**On **no more than** TWO SIDES of A4 (to include references, tables and diagrams), using 11 point font, single line spacing, and with margins no less than 2 cm all round, please provide a synopsis of the science case for the proposed project. This should include a description of the objectives and justification of the methodology. References may be presented in a smaller font size. |

**Notes:**

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Please note that proposals should usually request fieldwork support for no more than one individual. An exception may be made when the fieldwork is to be conducted by a student and if appropriate supervisory arrangements will not be available at the requested fieldwork location(s). Students are not permitted unsupervised access to BAS logistic support and research facilities.

Proposals will be assessed jointly by BAS Director of Science and by the NERC Head of Research - Atmospheric & Polar. If the number of CASS proposals received exceeds the logistic support capacity available that season, and/or exceeds the annual financial support for CASS available from NERC, a Panel will be convened by NERC to provide independent assessment of the relative scientific merits of the proposals. The Panel will be asked to recommend a support priority order, taking into account the specific resources requested and those available.

The Antarctic Access Office Coordinator, based at BAS, will inform CASS applicants of the outcome of their proposals and, for successful proposals, will liaise on the preparations needed for the fieldwork and will be the first point of contact for enquiries.

Further information is available on the BAS website – please click [here](http://www.bas.ac.uk/science/opportunities-for-polar-fieldwork/antarctic-science-collaborative-gearing-scheme).