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Purpose

CCAMLR recognises that to develop the best available science to support the work of the Scientific Committee and the Commission, from time to time active investment in science capacity will be required. The activities that contribute towards science capacity may include increasing participation and awareness of CCAMLR science, mechanisms to resource and deliver scientific activities, and improving information flow within the CCAMLR scientific community (SC-CAMLR-XXVIII, paragraph 10.23).

As part of this program of inter-related activities, the Scientific Committee has created the CCAMLR Scientific Scholarship Scheme. The scheme will be funded from the General Science Capacity Special Fund and the general Scientific Committee budget.

Objective

CCAMLR awards scholarships to assist early career scientists to participate in the work of the Scientific Committee and its working groups. Scholarships may be awarded annually or only occasionally, dependent on the scientific priorities. CCAMLR may award more than one scholarship in any year.

The objective of the Scholarship Scheme is to contribute to capacity building within the CCAMLR scientific community, so as to generate a sound basis of scientific expertise able to support the requirements of CCAMLR in the long term. It will be expected to contribute to:

- (i) consistent and high attendance and participation by scientists from all Members, so that scientific advice has wide understanding and acceptance by Members;
- (ii) consistent and high-quality scientific advice being provided by the Scientific Committee;
- (iii) advice for robust decision-making being available to the Commission.

Scope

Scholarships of up to A\$30 000 are available to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence at CCAMLR Scientific Committee workshops or working group meetings, and relevant preparatory meetings, and exceptionally, meetings of the Scientific Committee, over a period of two years. Applications for partial support for the above items are encouraged. Relevant preparatory meetings may include meetings and short periods of preparatory collaborative work with mentor scientists in their home institutions, or travel to/from mentor scientist research cruises.

Exceptionally, and on review of the activities of the scholarship recipient over the two-year period, the Scientific Committee may extend the scholarship for an additional one year.

Publicity

Opportunities for scholarships will be advertised on the CCAMLR website on or about 1 June each year.

Additional publicity by individual Members, particularly in Member scientific institutions, and by CCAMLR Observers at international meetings, as well as Observers to CCAMLR, will be strongly encouraged.

Eligibility

Scholarships are open to scientists from CCAMLR Members. Preference will be given to early career scientists (for example, but not limited to, PhD students or early post-Doctoral scientists) who have not previously, or routinely, participated in CCAMLR working groups and are actively seeking to participate in CCAMLR science.

Although candidates are sought from all Members, particular preference will be given to early career scientists from developing countries and those from countries having received low numbers of scholarships in past years.

Scholarships are not intended to cover salary or similar costs; candidates must have sources of additional funding to cover these aspects of their requirements.

Requirements

Proposals for candidates must be made by the Scientific Committee Representative of the relevant Member giving the following:

- the name, address and affiliation of the candidate scientist;
- the language ability of the scientist. Ideally this will include proof of at least intermediate level proficiency in English, which is the working language of the working groups;
- the area of the Scientific Committee's work to which the scientist would contribute, considering particularly topics of special and current interest of the Scientific Committee;
- the scientific contribution that would be made by the scientist to CCAMLR arising from his/her intersessional work during the period of the scholarship;
- confirmation of participation from at least one established scientist with significant experience of attendance in relevant CCAMLR working groups, who may be from the applicant's country or from another CCAMLR Member, who has agreed to mentor the successful candidate;
- the working groups and workshops that the scientist would participate in;

- any additional travel to preparatory meetings, for instance with the mentoring scientist and his/her institution;
- justification of the need to apply for scholarship money;
- a preliminary budget, based on assumptions about the future disposition and length of Scientific Committee working group meetings;
- evidence that other funds are available to support the work of the scientist during the proposed period of tenure of the scholarship;
- a commitment that the Member will facilitate participation by the recipient in the work of the Scientific Committee for the duration of the scholarship;
- references from the scientist's home institution and the Member's Scientific Committee Representative.

Reporting

Scholarship recipients will be required to provide the panel (see below) with a report of their associated activities each year, and will be expected to contribute to at least one paper for CCAMLR over a two-year period. They will further be required to publicise their activities, whilst a recipient of the scholarship, within the scientific community.

The Chair of the panel will report to the Scientific Committee each year on the disbursement of funds and the associated activities of the recipients.

Application procedure

The Secretariat will annually publish widely a call for Scholarship proposals amongst all Members. This call shall include details of the Scientific Committee's priority topics and work plan.

The deadline for proposals shall be one month prior to the start of the annual Scientific Committee meeting.

Application shall be by application form, which should be developed by the Secretariat.

Evaluation

A scientific review panel will be convened at each Scientific Committee meeting, chaired by the senior Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee, and comprising the CCAMLR Science Officer, the Conveners of the Scientific Committee's working groups and the other Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee. Two other senior members of the CCAMLR scientific community with expertise relevant to the applications will be appointed by the senior Vice-Chair. This panel will annually:

- Review existing scholarships, approve the annual expenditure and forecast expenditure.
- Review the scholarship proposals against the following set of criteria:
 - scientific and other qualifications of the candidate;
 - relevance to the work priorities and work plan of the Scientific Committee;
 - the extent to which it will strengthen the scientific capacity and engagement in the work of the Scientific Committee of the applying Member;
 - strength of the linkages made with mentor scientist(s) and the new scientist;
 - justification for the budget requested.
- Draw up a shortlist of candidates based on the review.
- Consider the funds available to the Scholarship Scheme, and propose any adjustments necessary to the budgets proposed by candidates.
- Report to the Scientific Committee on the progress of the Scholarship Scheme, and, if necessary, propose changes to it.
- Recommend to the Scientific Committee the scholarship recipient(s), and the budget requirements for the Scholarship Scheme, in the upcoming year.

Funding and disbursement

The Scientific Committee shall fund the Scholarship Scheme from the General Science Capacity Special Fund and from the Scientific Committee budget as appropriate.

The CCAMLR Secretariat will administer the Scholarship Scheme. The Secretariat will pay actual costs of all budgeted items on presentation of receipts.