

To: The Ridge 2000 Research Community  
From: The Ridge 2000 Program Office & Steering Committee  
Date: January 24, 2011  
Subject: Information for Ridge 2000 relevant proposals submitted to the Feb. 15, 2011  
NSF OCE deadline

Dear Colleagues:

The Ridge 2000 (R2K) Office and Steering Committee, and NSF Program Managers wanted to provide some general guidelines and information for your consideration as you prepare proposal submissions to the upcoming Feb. 15, 2011 NSF OCE deadline.

As previously noted, there will not be any special R2K proposal calls. All oceanic spreading center proposals for field and laboratory studies should be submitted to the normal NSF-OCE core programs by their target deadlines.

As discussed at the Portland, OR, R2K 2010 Community Meeting, Feb. 15 is an important opportunity to submit work related to integrating and synthesizing R2K research and seeking funding to complete research work that will help accomplish R2K Program goals. There is a large, well-documented body of multidisciplinary data submitted by R2K researchers as well as other PIs to [MGDS](#), pertaining to oceanic spreading center processes. Research that fully exploits and integrates these data, across disciplines as well as geographic provinces, and utilizes them to develop models of oceanic spreading center behavior are sought. This will help develop the next generation of understanding of mid-ocean ridges that will guide future research and help develop new focused programs.

If you have questions regarding your proposal ideas, NSF program managers stand ready to discuss these and we encourage you to email or call them, especially when your research may be multidisciplinary in nature.

In order to help the R2K Office track proposal submissions that are relevant to the Program, we are requesting that PIs submitting R2K-relevant proposals do the following:

- 1) Please send the title and project summary (only) of your proposal as a PDF to the R2K Office ([ridge2000@whoi.edu](mailto:ridge2000@whoi.edu)) after you submit to NSF.
- 2) Please include in the Project Summary and in the body of the proposal a brief statement of relevancy to R2K program goals and especially if the work seeks to address integration and synthesis of R2K and related oceanic spreading center data.

Note that these are not requirements, simply suggestions. NSF considers all proposal documents confidential.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the R2K Office at WHOI or your NSF program managers.

Best Regards,  
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