

## PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT - JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The *Réseau Québec maritime* (RQM) and the Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR) are very proud to announce their first **joint call for proposals!**

The goal of the call for proposals is to promote collaboration between researchers from Quebec and other provinces. The partnership between RQM and MEOPAR will support projects that promote the sustainable development and protection of the St. Lawrence system and improve the well-being of coastal communities. Through the projects funded, the aim will be to strengthen connections between researchers, as well as partners, organization and communities interested in learning about the risks and opportunities in the marine environment. To achieve this, four challenges have been identified as strategic priorities for this call, which need to be addressed in the submitted proposals (see table below for further details on the common research themes):

- Human coastal community health;
- Marine risk and security;
- Sustainable maritime industry; and
- Living resources, marine energies and ecosystem services.

Proposals will be accepted for **2-year projects** to be conducted between April 2020 and March 2022 with a **maximum budget of \$400,000** over the two years.

### PROJECTS MUST OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- ▶ Be led by three co-principal investigators, **two from RQM (Québec) and one from MEOPAR (outside Québec)**;
- ▶ Be conducted in a region in connection with the **St. Lawrence system** (River, Estuary or Gulf);
- ▶ Address one or more **common research themes** (see table below);
- ▶ Be intersectoral<sup>1</sup>;
- ▶ Demonstrate cash or in-kind contributions by partners of at least 25% of the total budget; and
- ▶ Ship time can be requested over and above the application budget to allow for field work.

### HOW TO APPLY ?

- ▶ Indicate your interest by answering the following survey by **November 8<sup>th</sup> 2019** ([link](#));
- ▶ Submit your proposal by **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**. The full proposal guidelines and application will be released in late November.

<sup>1</sup> Intersectoral collaboration is defined by the collaboration of researchers whose expertise comes from different research sectors, represented by the three main Quebec or Federal research funds, i.e. health, social sciences and humanities or natural sciences and engineering.

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## Common research themes

## Example of project scope

### 1. Human Coastal Community Health

Coastal community resilience to short-term and/or long-term threats; coastal community governance; coastal infrastructure vulnerability. Policy studies on coastal preparedness and adaptation.

### 2. Marine Risk And Security

Identification, evaluation, monitoring, and prevention of risk factors with regards to environmental protection, maritime facilities and infrastructures, navigation. Studies on ocean/atmosphere observations and prediction.

### 3. Sustainable Maritime Industry

Impacts of vessel traffic on the environment, and possibly of the environment on the ships (i.e. safety & efficiency). Disruptions to shipping and ports from extreme events.

### 4. Living Resources, Marine Energies And Ecosystem Services

The impacts of ocean/water changes on coastal industries (i.e., fisheries, aquaculture) or on ecosystem services.



## MORE INFORMATION

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