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The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) invites researchers and educators to partner with us on sponsored research grant proposals to federal agencies, foundations, and other funding organizations. UCGIS would consider collaborating on many aspects of Geographic Information Science research, education, and workforce development. Potential topics include basic research as well as applied research in the physical sciences, social sciences, information/computer science, humanities, higher education, or workforce development with a Geographic Information Science component.

Why Work with UCGIS?

UCGIS is the leading Geographic Information Science academic organization in the United States, with over 60 member organizations whose faculty, research staff, and students are at the vanguard of Geographic Information Science research and education. As a non-profit organization, we have two+ decades of experience in supporting a network of scholars. Incorporating UCGIS into your proposal provides access to UCGIS infrastructure, resources, and capacity to organize and coordinate networks of people, especially domain specialists and students. UCGIS has expertise with developing and coordinating digital resources such as the GIS&T Body of Knowledge, developing research initiatives that harness the expertise offered by UCGIS institutional members, and organizing workshops and specialist meetings.

What are the Criteria for UCGIS Involvement?

Activities must have clear benefits to both UCGIS member institutions and the broader Geographic Information Science community, be aligned with the UCGIS mission, and be otherwise mutually beneficial to all partners.

Who is Eligible to Propose Collaborative Proposals?

UCGIS welcomes research partnerships from organizations, universities, centers, agencies, and individuals. Current institutional membership with UCGIS is not a requirement. UCGIS Board Members, Officers, and Committee Chairs can contribute to proposals, but must have left or completed those roles if they are to benefit financially from a funded project, once it begins.

When Should You Contact UCGIS?

We encourage researchers to contact Dr. Diana Sinton, UCGIS Executive Director, early in the formative stages of the proposal development process. She will be able to identify the other members of the UCGIS leadership team, such as members of the Board of Directors or Committee Chairs, who can contribute to the project and proposal development.

How Does UCGIS Review and Sign-off on the Proposal?

An *ad-hoc* committee that consists of the UCGIS Executive Director, its Treasurer, and members of its Board of Directors or Committee Chairs will review all proposals. The President will identify and request participation by appropriate Board members or Chairs.

Budgetary Details

UCGIS is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our indirect cost rate varies and has ranged from 10%-30%, depending on the source of funding and project activities. UCGIS can be designated as a co-PI on a proposal, a participant in a collaborative proposal, or a sub-award recipient. Depending on the proposal and its guidelines, individuals associated with member institutions might represent their home institution, UCGIS, or neither.