

Call for secondments to SIOS Knowledge Centre

Background

SIOS is an international consortium of research institutions with research interest and infrastructure in and around the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. Within SIOS researchers collaborate by sharing data, research infrastructure and knowledge in order to build an observing system that focuses on long-term monitoring of parameters that are important to understand the Arctic Earth system in the context of global environmental change.

Purpose of the secondment

One of the main tasks for the SIOS consortium is to strengthen the collaboration between infrastructure owners and to increase the mutual and optimal use of the available infrastructure. To facilitate this work SIOS opens up for secondments from the Member institutions at the SIOS-KC office in Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

Details of secondment

The timeframe for a secondment can be from one month up to six months. SIOS will provide office space, travel costs, housing, and a subsistence allowance for the period as well as other well justified expenses like arranging workshops. The position is subject to the availability of housing and office space.

SIOS will not pay salary to the seconded personnel. The value of the person hours spent on secondment will be considered an in-kind contribution to SIOS from the employer of the seconded person.

A total of 18 person months can be supported each year.

The seconded personnel will work closely with the staff at the KC and SIOS working groups and task forces, as applicable. They may also be invited to attend relevant external meetings that arise during their secondment.

The seconded person should be able to engage fully in their project objectives during their seconded time. This must be agreed with their employer before they apply. At the end of the secondment the person will be expected to deliver a short report on what was achieved during their time at SIOS-KC, how the support of SIOS benefited their work, how their work benefits the SIOS community and recommendations for further work on their chosen topic.

The first call is open until 30.4.2020. The time of secondment can start earliest on the 1st of March 2020 and should end by 31.10.2021.

Eligibility criteria

You must be employed a SIOS member institution to apply. Your application should be developed in conjunction with and supported by your institution. You must provide justification of how the secondment will benefit both SIOS and your institution in your application.

In this first call applications for a secondment should be focused on addressing one or more of the following highlighted topics:

- From observations/core data to scientific integration (objective scientific paper)
- Implementing recommendation(s) in SESS report
- Identify (new) SIOS core data and make them available on SIOS data portal following the SIOS core data procedure
- Generating a specific remote sensing based product(s) prioritised by RSWG (pro)
- Preparing and conducting a training course on a topic relevant to SIOS
- Organising instrument/ sensor calibration or intercomparison workshop
- Provide logistical support for a scientific expeditions
- Develop outreach material for SIOS
- Preparing external funding application for SIOS (or within SIOS consortium)

Assessment procedure and criteria

The top candidates will be interviewed. SIOS-KC will suggest candidates to the BoD based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to eligibility criteria listed above;
2. Relevant qualifications and experience to carry out the proposed work;
3. Quality of the proposal and description of how the proposed work will contribute to the selected topic;
4. Relevance and benefit to SIOS consortium.

How to apply

To apply, please complete the application form on (https://sios-svalbard.org/Secondment_Application).

Appendix 1: Application form content

- Name, affiliation, email address
- Proposed topic
- Proposed length (minimum 1 month, maximum 6 months) and time of secondment
- Work plan – milestones and deliverables for the secondment, max 3 page
- Motivation for applying for secondment
- How the secondment will benefit SIOS
- This application has been discussed and is approved by my employer (yes, no)
- Upload – short CV