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### DUE DATES

Full Proposal Deadline Date: June 7, 2006

To provide time for proposal review and for operational planning, proposals normally will be considered for field work beginning no sooner than a year later. Properly prepared proposals received by the first Wednesday of June in a given year and approved for award typically will be provided funds for performance periods as follows:

- for research in Antarctica: the austral summer beginning approximately 15 months later and extending through the next winter
- for research in the United States: starting as early as 6 months following receipt of your proposal

Complicated projects, or those requiring lots of equipment in Antarctica, could require more lead time. Projects that are easily fielded may be able to deploy more quickly than the schedule suggests, and NSF strives to make that happen. The rule of thumb, however, is that it takes 15 to 18 months to get ready for field work, and attempts to beat that schedule introduce uncertainties.

### SYNOPSIS

Scientific research, and operational support of that research, are the principal activities supported by the United States Government in Antarctica. The goals are to expand fundamental knowledge of the region, to foster research on global and regional problems of current scientific importance, and to use

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the region as a platform from which to support research. For projects involving fieldwork, the U.S. Antarctic Program supports only that research that can be done exclusively in Antarctica or that can be done best from Antarctica. The program also supports analytical research performed at home organizations.

This document --

- summarizes antarctic research opportunities
- describes facilities and support in Antarctica
- provides information essential for preparing antarctic proposals
- links to an online system you must use to request field support in Antarctica
- links to further information

#### Important:

1. To request field support, use the [Polar Ice](#) worksheets as instructed in the Proposal Preparation Section of this solicitation. You must finish this substantial task before you submit your proposal to NSF. Start on it 2 weeks or more before you plan to submit the proposal.
2. To confirm to NSF that field support is not required, use the [no-fieldwork worksheet](#) described in the Proposal Preparation Section.
3. An antarctic proposal that does not contain *fieldwork worksheets* or the *no-fieldwork worksheet* is subject to return without review.
4. Use this *Antarctic Research* document with the NSF-wide [Grant Proposal Guide](#).

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