Call for Projects
November 2019

Objectives and Attribution Rules

With the Network being on its fourth year, the first research projects of the MinErAL Network are coming to an end and knowledge mobilization and transmission activities are becoming important elements for the network. Thus, MinErAL decided to focus this year's call for proposals on its less studied work packages and on knowledge transfer activities (see document on that specific call). Two work packages got less attention during the previous call for proposals:

- WP4 – Indigenous legal and political rights
  The research in this work package will look at the different legal and political environments in the circumpolar regions as well as in Oceania and how they impact and are being impacted by resource developments. While some research projects have focus on the legal and political context in Canada and Scandinavia, there has been no research in the network on the Australia and New-Caledonia context.
- WP6 – Glocal Encounters
  In this package, the network will study the challenges encountered by communities when negotiating IBAs with transnational mining organizations. It also studies the role of transnational Indigenous organizations in mediating these 'glocal' encounters and their ability to mitigate power imbalances.

As always, application must have a strong comparative perspective to be funded. It must involve at least researchers from two regions covered by MinErAL.

Additional Funding
The network has to start the work on two plain-language guides:

- WP5 – Sustainable regional and local development
  No guides are underway in this WP. A plain-language guide could address the topic of free, prior, and informed consent.
- WP6 – Glocal Encounters
  In this package, the network will study the challenges encountered by communities when negotiating IBAs with transnational mining organizations. It also studies the role of transnational Indigenous organizations in mediating these 'glocal' encounters and their ability to mitigate power imbalances. No guides are underway.

In this call for proposals, the network will allocate additional funding (up to $15 000) to research projects who wish to develop a guide within their own research on one of the three WPs bellows.

Application deadline: November 10, 2019

Attribution Rules

<u>Compulsory criteria</u>

- The project duration is of maximum three years
- A priority will be given to projects that addresses the objectives and the research priorities of <u>WP4 or WP6;</u>
- A researcher can take part in multiple research projects but <u>can only be the principal investigator of one project</u>. Co-researchers that have not been funded yet will be given priority.
- The project has a comparative perspective between different regions of the network. It must involve at least researchers from two regions covered by MinErAL.
- A minimum of 20% of the budget comes from another source of funding

<u>Evaluation criteria</u>

Scope of the research and potential outcomes (40%)

If the project does not fit the criteria, reviewer should make recommendations <u>for each criteria that is not filled.</u>

The project includes collaborations with other researchers in the network.
- Priority will be given to research projects that include collaboration with researchers from different regions of the network.

The project must include collaborations with network partners and local communities
- Priority will be given to research projects that are in partnership with local communities or indigenous partners.

Projects must have a strong interdisciplinary framework
- Regardless of the number of researchers, priority will be given to projects that include one or more of the social science and/or natural science fields.

Project will contribute to student training and indigenous research assistant training
- Priority will be given to projects that will involve at least one graduate student and indigenous researchers.

Projects will generate knowledge that will have a far-reaching impact in the regions involved in the Network
- Priority will be given to research projects that will have impacts beyond the region of their lead researcher. International outreach will be favoured over national and regional outreach.

Ethics and Knowledge mobilization (30%)

Projects must demonstrate leading-edge ethics with indigenous communities

- Projects will have to answer the basic principles of ethical research with indigenous communities and university ethic board:
  - ➢ Obtain an ethic certificate from the university of the lead researcher;
  - ➢ Obtain the approval of the communities concerned in the research;
  - ➢ Presentation of the results to the community.
- Priority will be given to research that goes beyond those three basic principles and demonstrate a will to include indigenous communities, furthermore, in the research project.

Projects include a creative knowledge mobilization plan

- Projects need to clearly state how they will communicate the results to both indigenous communities involved and the academic community.
- Priority will be given to research projects that include a strong knowledge mobilization plan which involves indigenous communities at different steps of the research project.

Feasibility (30%)

Project presents a high potential of success within the range of the proposed budget and duration.

Budget guidelines

- A maximum amount of $240 000 can be spent in total for all research projects;
- The budget allocated for each project can vary between 20 000$/year to 30 000$/year;
- Funding for postdoctoral fellowship will be allocated following a call for postdoctoral projects. No funding will be available directly to postdoctoral student through this call for projects. However, we strongly encourage linkage between the project developed here and a postdoctoral proposal.
- Additional funding equivalent to a minimum of 20 percent of the amount requested from MinErAL must come from another source.