

National Geographic Society (NGS)
Enduring Impacts: Archaeology of Sustainability

The Office of Foundations Relations is pleased to share this open call for funding from the National Geographic Society. Please forward the call to interested faculty in your departments and divisions.

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Funder: National Geographic Society ([NGS](#))

Program Description: [Enduring Impacts: Archaeology of Sustainability](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2025 at 8:59 PM PT

Register for one of three informational webinars in May at [this link](#).

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 at 11 a.m. PT

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 7 a.m. PT

Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 5 p.m. PT

Overview:

The Enduring Impacts Request for Proposals (RfP) seeks projects focused on the archaeology of sustainable communities and landscapes in changing climates. As sustainability is variable across different places and times, proposals should outline what the term means in the context of the project and what proxies will be used to study it.

Proposals for both research and conservation projects will be considered. Projects should aim to not only produce excellent scholarship and peer-reviewed outputs but also be significantly impactful to present-day stakeholders. Competitive projects will have positive, measurable, and sustainable benefits that may include strengthening community land tenure or resource rights, empowering connections with traditional foodways and other heritage, and/or helping to support transmission of ecological knowledge and practices.

Strong applications should be thoughtfully co-produced with and/or led by descendant, Indigenous, or local stakeholders where appropriate, and comprise teams who have appropriate networks and technical expertise. All projects with relevant data components should align with FAIR and CARE principles to ensure ethical integrity.

For more information about this RFP, please consult our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Award and Terms

- Proposals may request up to \$50,000 USD in funding.
- Grant at the [Level II funding](#) level.

Eligibility

- Individual project leaders with demonstrable experience co-creating or collaborating with the stakeholder community(ies).
- Project must align with the [Human Histories & Cultures](#) focus area
- Project must align with either Research or Conservation as a primary focus
- Project budget must align with National Geographic Society [budget guidelines](#)
- Project must be completed within two years of receipt of funding
- Must include at least one in-country collaborator if the project is not in the applicant's country of residence.
- Applicants may only submit one application for this funding opportunity

Timeline

May 6, 7, 12	Informational webinar
July 1, 2025 at 8:59 PM PT	Applications due
December 2025	Notification

Special Instructions

Please notify the Office of Foundation Relations if you are interested in applying to this opportunity (fr@ucsc.edu). Please submit a [proposal intake form](#) prior to UCSC's internal Institutional Deadlines. For support developing your proposal, please contact the [Research Development Specialist](#) assigned to your unit or send a request to resdev@ucsc.edu. Within the Division of Social Sciences, please contact Ashlee Tews (ashleeac@ucsc.edu), and within the Arts, please contact Hannah Jasper (hannahjasper@ucsc.edu) to initiate notification and proposal support.

Call sent: April 25, 2025

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