

Bridging Postdoc *Digital Earth* – RULES FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL for a POSTDOC PROJECT in the framework of *Digital Earth*

1. Guidelines for submission:

- Once you have narrowed your research interests regarding the tasks and scientific issues as proclaimed in one of the four scientific work packages (Smart Monitoring Design; Data Exploration Framework; Sustainable Collaboration; Evaluation of Success; for more information see <https://www.digitalearth-hgf.de/de/home>) in which you would like to conduct your project, you are ready to submit your application for funding. Follow the instructions below.
- In order to submit your proposal you need to identify one mentor each at two (or more) Helmholtz centres involved in *Digital Earth* Steering Group Members (see List of *Digital Earth* Steering Group Members [here](#)), who would be willing to mentor your project and to provide the necessary infrastructure. If you face difficulties in identifying a suitable mentor, please contact the call coordinator at [dhenkel\(at\)geomar.de](mailto:dhenkel(at)geomar.de) or the scientific coordinator [jgreinert\(at\)geomar.de](mailto:jgreinert(at)geomar.de).
- Once you identified your mentors and discussed your project and how it links to the tasks and objectives of *Digital Earth*, please decide on your project length (1 or 2 years) and discuss how you want to use the total grant of 81kEUR per year (this includes salary and other costs). We would expect that your mentoring centers support additional funds if needed.

2. Application checklist

Your full application must include in the following order

2.1. The completed SUMMARY SHEET

2.2. The PROPOSAL

a. Follow the general guidelines for scientific proposals. Include a Title, Abstract (max. 250 words), State of the Art, Research Questions, Methods to be Used, Rough Timetable, Expected Results, Summary and References. Emphasize how the proposed research fits into the foci of *Digital Earth* i.e. its tasks and thematic seed group topics. Emphasize also how your project will strategically match to the implementation of *Digital Earth* goals.

b. The proposal may not exceed five A-4 pages in Arial 10 pt font, single spacing and 2 cm page margins. All figures and tables must be included within this limit.

2.3. A CURRICULUM VITAE

2.4. PROOF OF EXCELLENCE of the proponent (e.g. up to five most relevant publications, in case of multi-authored papers, explain your contribution)

2.5. A full TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS from your last degree

2.6. A BUDGET PLAN must be outlined, which should include your salary and research money. Check with your potential mentors what instrumentation and infrastructure is available.