

Policy for Participation of non U.S.A. Investigators in the WAIS Divide Project
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The WAIS Divide project could benefit from collaboration with non U.S.A. investigators. This document explains the procedure that will be used by non U.S.A. investigators to join the WAIS Divide project.

1. The non U.S.A. investigator will submit a one paragraph description of the proposed work to the Chief Scientist. The Chief Scientist will forward this to the U.S. ice core community and encourage U.S.A. investigators, be they established ice core researchers or not, to try and develop a tight collaboration with the non U.S.A. investigator. The preferred outcome is a traditional NSF proposal with collaboration between a USA and non-USA investigator. If after a sincere effort is made to identify a U.S. collaborator it is not possible to develop a traditional NSF proposal the subsequent steps could be taken. The non U.S.A. investigator would submit a two page proposal to the WAIS Divide executive committee. The executive committee would review the proposal to assess the benefit to the WAIS Divide project, conflicts with U.S. investigators, the depth of the collaboration with U.S. investigators, and training potential for U.S. students. The executive committee would either, decline the preproposal, recommend changes, or encourage the non U.S.A. investigator to submit a full proposal. The lack of a serious effort by the non U.S.A. investigator to identify a U.S. collaborator will result in declining the preproposal.
2. The non U.S.A. investigator would prepare a full proposal which would be submitted to the executive committee. Typically this would be the same proposal that the non U.S.A. investigator is submitting to a non U.S.A. funding agency. If there is no non U.S.A. funding agency involved, then a proposal that follows the NSF format must be submitted.
3. The full proposal would be reviewed by the executive committee, who may also seek additional reviews. The executive committee would review the proposal to assess the benefit to the WAIS Divide project, conflicts with U.S. investigators, the depth of the collaboration with U.S. investigators, and the training potential for U.S. students. The executive committee would make a recommendation to NSF regarding incorporation of the proposed project into the WAIS Divide project.
4. NSF would consider the proposal and the recommendation of the executive committee and decide if the proposed effort will be incorporated into the WAIS Divide project. NSF will inform any non U.S.A. funding agencies that may be involved.

If NSF decides to incorporate the project into the WAIS Divide Project, the project will have similar access to ice samples as NSF funded projects, however no funding will be granted to the non U.S.A. institution. The non U.S.A. investigator will have the same responsibilities regarding data sharing, collaboration, and attendance at WAIS Divide project meetings as any NSF funded investigator. If these responsibilities are not met,

participation in the WAIS Divide project may be suspended or terminated by NSF or the executive committee.