

REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS – CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

ISU's Center for Ecological Research & Education (CERE) is soliciting short proposals to support partner activities with agencies, stakeholders, or community groups. Part of CERE's role is to sustain academic partnerships and regular connections between ISU scientists and science educators and these stakeholders (local and regional agencies, community groups, NGO's, etc.) or rightsholders (e.g., regional Tribes). To do this, we seek to support several events, activities, tasks or products proposed by partners from outside the university. Examples might include, but are not limited to, joint hosting of a visiting speaker in the CERE seminar series, a research applications presentation, a technical or decision-support focused workshop, field trips, land use and conservation planning efforts, citizen science activities, continuing education courses, public education-oriented tools, etc. Preference will be given to proposals that support activities for which clear partnerships between a partner group/groups and the ISU science community exist or are likely to develop. Priority consideration will be given to those partners who have not previously received CERE funding support, though prior support will not disqualify a proposal. Reports associated with prior CERE grant support from a given applicant need to have been submitted for new proposals to be eligible. Up to \$15,000 of support is anticipated, with the expectation that multiple awards will be possible (i.e., proposals for less than \$15K are encouraged). Partner activities should occur and funds should be expended before June 30th, 2026.

To apply, representatives from a partner agency/group should submit a brief (1-2 pages) proposal including a short statement of the objectives and expected outcome(s), the logistical plan, and proposed budget to CERE Director Dr. Colden Baxter (coldenbaxter@isu.edu, 208-251-5980). In addition, a brief letter of support from an ISU faculty or staff member involved in the partnership should be submitted. **The deadline for priority consideration is Friday, March 21st, 2025.** Proposals will be reviewed by the CERE board. Contact Dr. Baxter or any of the members of this board with questions: Drs. Sarah Godsey (godsey@isu.edu), Katrina Running (trinarunning@isu.edu), Josh Grinath (joshuagrath@isu.edu) and Jennifer Cornell (jennifer.cornell@deq.idaho.gov).