

## REOSA Training May 2014 - Application Process for Open Call

The REOSA training application process includes the submission of (1) a short biography, (2) two essays describing your current research and your future career goals, and (3) two letters of recommendation.

### Before applying, please ensure that you meet the application requirements:

- **You must** be a citizen of one of the following regional member countries of ICIMOD (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, or Pakistan). Proof of citizenship will be required for participants who are selected for the training.
- **You must** be able to enter Nepal, and you will be responsible for your own visa arrangements
- **You must** be pursuing a post-graduate degree (MSc or PhD) or post-doctoral research in a related discipline at an accredited university:
  - Glaciology, snow and ice hydrology, climate change, meteorological downscaling, remote sensing of cryospheric change
  - Studies should be focused on high-mountain Asia
- **You must** physically fit and capable of conducting rigorous field work. High-altitude and mountaineering experience is recommended, but not required.

Applicants that do not meet these requirements will not be considered. Applicants for the open call are required to submit the following documents by **12 JANUARY 2013, 23:00 UTC**. Late applications will not be accepted.

### 1) **Biography** (Two-page maximum, Times 11 or equivalent font, one-inch margins) with the following information:

- **Full Name and Nationality**
- **Research Interests/Skills** (3 lines maximum)
- **Educational Background** (undergraduate and graduate) – Start with most recent degree and list dates attended, degree, institution, subject area, and academic awards/honors, if applicable.
- **Professional Background** – List most recent position first; include job title, institution and start/end dates
- **Peer-Reviewed Publications** – Include the full citation, with your name highlighted. Include only published, in press, or submitted papers. *Do not include works that are in preparation.*
- **Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications** – Use same general format as for peer-reviewed publications for items such as reports or book chapters. *Do not include abstracts or works in preparation.*
- **Presentations at Scientific Meetings** – Include full citation for the presentation, including the occasion, date and location. If an abstract has been published, include a citation in this section.

- **Interdisciplinary Activities and Outreach** – Research, education/outreach, community service or other synergistic activities. This can be a list of accomplishments or a paragraph describing them. This is the place you should describe your past and current collaborations.
- **Professional Society Membership(s)**

**Save** this file as a PDF and name it as follows:

LastName\_FirstName\_Bio.pdf

*Example:* Shea\_Joseph\_Bio.pdf

## 2) Two essays (must both fit on same page, Times 11 or equivalent font, one-inch margins)

### Essay #1: Summary of completed research

Describe one component of your Ph.D. dissertation or current research in plain English. This should be like your Ph.D./MSc. abstract, but written for a non-specialist audience. Be sure to include the following: Title, context for your work, your central question/topic, how you addressed this question, and the importance/significance/potential impact of your findings.

### Essay #2: Current and future research and goals

Describe your current and future research goals related to glacier water resources and climate change research in the Himalayas. You should also describe the types of collaborations you would like to build (e.g., what scientific fields are you interested in connecting with — not specific individuals). Tell us where you are headed. Finally, please tell us what you hope to gain from the symposium and how your participation might benefit other participants.

**Save** the file containing both your essays as a single-page PDF and name it as follows:

LastName\_FirstName\_Essays.pdf

*Example:* Shea\_Joseph\_Essays.pdf

**Attach** your Biography and essays as two separate PDF files to one email with the following text in the subject line:

Subject: [LastName, FirstName] – Open REOSA Training Application

*Example:* Shea, Joseph – Open REOSA Training Application

- **Send** the email to: [jshea@icimod.org](mailto:jshea@icimod.org)

## 3) Two Letters of Recommendation

### Instructions for Applicant:

- **Ensure that you meet the application requirements** (see <http://www.icimod.org/?q=12074>).
- Request letters of recommendation from two references. Do this well before the application deadline so that they have time to respond.
- Provide your references with a copy of these application instructions, and explain that the REOSA training is intended to build and strengthen international cooperation and collaborations between early-career

researchers in the Hindu Kush – Himalayan region, with a focus on glaciers and snowpacks as important water resources.

**Instructions for Referees:**

- Deadline for receipt of support letters is: **12 JANUARY 2014**
- Please assess the candidate relative to other graduate students and early-career scientists you have supervised or collaborated with, or have knowledge of.
- Text of recommendation should be submitted in the body of an email message, not as an attachment.  
*There is no need to follow up with a hard copy.*
- Use the following subject line for your email:  
[Applicant LastName, FirstName] – REOSA Reference Letter from [Letter-writer LastName]  
*Example:* Shea, Joseph - REOSA Reference Letter from Smith
- **Send** the email to: [jshea@icimod.org](mailto:jshea@icimod.org)