PZ notes, November 12, 2-15 webinar

A copy of the webinar, including all our slides and the recorded audio, will be posted soon on our website at [www.nationalacademies.org/peer](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.nationalacademies.org_peer&d=CwMGaQ&c=y2w-uYmhgFWijp_IQN0DhA&r=IL9pwgrUzZgXnjpYpeEyY_uN_e8lywf4QUVHwEqOmZw&m=zvuLf_2y51uPrBxXF3g7lP_wKxDpdTHUi4mGcQZL9B0&s=DaKHgvCHqZ3R-tl_M1Bdik1buQzTQiqYKbK7_ri62no&e=). In the meantime, you may find all eligibility guidelines, application instructions, and a link to our application platform on our website. You are also welcome to contact program staff at peer@nas.edu with any questions. PEER’s current call for pre-proposals has a deadline of January 15, 2016

2-page pre-proposal due January x 2016 through application website

requires partner information; budget; expertise of USG-supported partner; other partners;

 open to NSF, NOAA, NASA grant I’s; restricted support for govt employees

2 applicable focus areas:

1)SERVIR-related research (environmental management and climate change resilience)

2) S. Africa/multiple research fields

nasa applications: earth obs for research in water resources, air quality, land use/cover change, SERVIR-related research

African connection should be to underrepresented individuals, i.e., a white well-educated middle-class South African won’t cut it.

reviewed by USAID missions and operatuing units to assess relevance and desirability. full proposal reviewed by experts with development experience.

capacity building needs to be well-justified

many webinar attendees indicated multiple previous PEER awards

35-45/year awards

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brainstorming: regional applications/downscaling of climate information, e.g., Englestaeter (sp?) work. oracles activities are during dry season. does a better representation of low clouds improve predictions of dry season duration, extreme heat, beginning and end? hard to see the immediate societal impact.

can we improve access to weather and climate information inside Namibia, and is there a desire for that?

provide opportunities for university education in the US, in, e.g., seasonal prediction.

the oracles capacity building white paper.