



# ACEAS

Australian Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science

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ARC Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science (ACEAS)			
<b>Policy and Procedure:</b>	Affiliated Investigators (including affiliated PhD students)		
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## Overview

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Australian Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science (ACEAS) is a national-scale, University-led, international centre focused on the following goal:

*To help the world community prepare for climate risks emerging from East Antarctica and the Southern Ocean by integrating knowledge of the ocean, atmosphere, cryosphere and ecosystems, and their interplay.*

ACEAS encourages close collaborative relationships with researchers who are not formally part of the Centre's activities. Affiliated Investigators/PhD Students (AIs) are individuals who wish to contribute to, and benefit from, the Centre's activities. AIs differ from Chief Investigators or Partner Investigators in that *they are not responsible for the Centre's outcomes nor entitled to funding*. Ongoing AI status depends on contribution to ACEAS programs and goals and upholding ACEAS values.

Applications consist of:

- Affiliated Investigator/Student Form (available on the ACEAS Staff portal under 'forms')
- A brief and up-to-date CV
- Research statement describing the AI contribution to ACEAS Programs.

Applications from individuals wishing to become Associate Investigators (AIs) in ACEAS must be submitted through a Participating Organisation and supported by a Program Leader as being relevant to ACEAS programs and goals.

Applications for AI status should be sent to the Director for consideration. Advice of successful appointment will be provided to the AI and their details recorded in the Cle(v)er (ACEAS internal reporting system) reporting system.

It is important that Associate Investigators both contribute to, and benefit from, engagement with the Centre. As such:

1. Each AI will become linked to at least one program and be part of relevant contact lists. The research programs are:

P1 Circum-Antarctic and East Antarctic

- P2 Regional East Antarctic and its Provinces
- P3 Sub-regional and Regional Antarctic Margin

An AI may have interest in other areas of the Centre's work, including end-user engagement or computational sciences. AIs can be affiliated with more than one research program if the commitment is substantiated and approved.

2. The Centre's funds must be directed to the activities of the Centre, and research staff, students and CIs are the priority. The primary means by which AIs can be involved with ACEAS is through close collaboration in research and research supervision, or stakeholder engagement and impact. The Centre cannot fund an AI's actual *research*. If there is any uncertainty as to the relevance of an activity to the Centre, please discuss this with Program Leader or the Director. The Centre may offer support to an AI in one or more of the following ways:
  - Provide in-kind support to facilitate involvement in ACEAS fieldwork;
  - Allocate NCI computing or data resources from within an existing NCI allocation;
  - Invite AIs to Centre workshops, winter schools etc;
  - Provide in-kind support to affiliated students and postdocs working with the AI on Centre activities, including within graduate training programs;
  - Support or part-support AIs to visit the Centre, through Visiting Fellowships.
3. Students formally supervised by CIs or AIs, who are enrolled in one of the eight Australian University participants, can become affiliated to the Centre provided they are working on a project that contributes to the Centre's research goals, and the University the student is enrolled in supports the affiliation request. The nomination process is the same as for AIs.
4. AIs and affiliated students will be invited to Centre workshops and other activities. Due to budget constraints the Centre will not be able to fund this involvement.
5. The Director will visit each node at least annually to talk to researchers, research fellows, students etc. AIs will be invited to these meetings.