

**Opportunity Title:** Anticipating potential high-traffic regions within the Arctic Ocean

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**Application Deadline** 4/15/2016 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone



**Description** Climate models predict decreasing sea ice in the Arctic Ocean in the coming decades. This is expected to result in expanded opportunities for non-icebreaking ships seeking to use the new open water for shipping, natural resource extraction (including fishing), research, and other activities. These increases in Arctic ship traffic will be driven by more than the changes in accessibility. Ship traffic is expected to be driven by economic incentives, social behaviors, and changing infrastructure, while being modulated by significant costs and risks. The goal of this effort is to improve the understanding of the drivers and regulators of changing Arctic vessel traffic on a regional scale and to enable predictive modeling of certain vessel traffic pattern changes in the Arctic.

#### Example Approaches

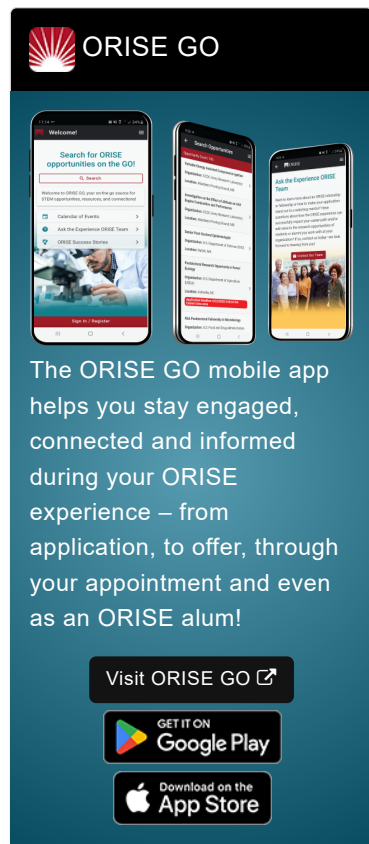
Proposals may be focused on geopolitical, socio-economic, or physical environment aspects of the changing Arctic Ocean and Arctic coastal land masses.


A successful proposal could address one or more questions related to the following topics:

- How might international agreements or individual state policies affect potential resource extraction or fisheries?
- Given current assessments of energy resources, how likely is resource extraction in the near future given costs of operations, value of the resources, and projected market supply, demand, and pricing?
- What is the best approach for determining a predictive geospatial relationship among physical environmental changes and behavior probabilities based on economic incentives?


- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
  - **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Business** ([11](#) )
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
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