



Call for **Strategic Initiatives** Proposals

Background

On December 2, 2018, the Council approved a Strategic Plan for SRA with the following three main strategic priorities and goals:

1. Enhancing risk science and the profession
2. Influencing and strengthening impact globally
3. Expanding the organizational capacity and efficiency of SRA

In addition, the Strategic Plan specifies several more specific goals and strategies associated with each of these three main categories of goals. Visit the [SRA website](#) for more details. To realize and implement the Strategic Plan, several new activities and measures will be initiated and conducted, with the *Strategic Initiatives* being one of them. It replaces the earlier funding scheme - the *New Initiatives* - which had strict criteria for the types of projects to support.

Deadline for submissions: May 1, 2019

Focal areas/types of projects

All types of projects are welcome, as long as they further the Strategic plan, with its goals and prioritizations. We will not restrict creativity and originality by pre-specifying a limited set of potential types of projects that can be given support.

Objectives

The main objective of the Strategic Initiatives is to support projects that can make a significant contribution to the realization of one or more goals or prioritizations specified in the Strategic plan, and in this way enhance risk science and its applications.

Funding

Grants will be awarded in varying amounts up to \$20,000. Additional funding may be granted in exceptional cases.

A main source of the funding is the *New Initiatives Fund* which will be renamed the *Strategic Initiatives Fund*.

Project approval process

The determination of grants/awards will be by the SRA Council on the basis of recommendations made by the Executive Committee. Functionally, the process will work as follows:

- Submissions go to the Executive Secretary, the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and President for initial screening. It is likely at this point that additional questions may be asked of the applicant for clarity and completeness.

- With support from the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, the President will write a short narrative review of the applications and convene the Executive Committee for review and recommendations to be brought forward to the Council.
- The Council approves the grants during the June Council meeting.
- Immediate announcements of the grants to follow the June meeting.

Submit proposals electronically at <http://sra.org/strategic-initiatives-proposal>

Send requests for information to the Secretariat (secretariat@sra.org) and the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee (terje.aven@uis.no).

