

Fresh Eyes on CMIP – call for new members

Deadline for nominations: 30 May 2026

We have two exciting new opportunities to join the Fresh Eyes on CMIP Steering Group as a scientific co-lead and/or the South and Central American representative.

Apply now!

What is Fresh Eyes on CMIP?

Researchers, scientists, and practitioners early in their career provide a unique insight into climate science and have the potential to offer a fresh perspective on CMIP. ECRs* regularly undertake the, often time consuming, tasks of generating, downloading, processing, and analysing data from CMIP and have a unique, working insight into the successes and flaws of CMIP phases and infrastructure. Fresh Eyes on CMIP is a new working group comprised of ~160 scientists, researchers, and practitioners in the early stages of their careers that sits alongside the CMIP7 task teams.

The Fresh Eyes on CMIP Steering Group is made up of a steering group, with regional representatives from across all continents (excluding Antarctica). The Steering Group is also led by a group of scientific and technical co-leads. These co-leads strategically lead the Fresh Eyes group by liaising with the CMIP Panel and WIP, identifying opportunities to increase engagement across Fresh Eyes, and reviewing new project proposals.

Who is eligible to be in the Steering Group?

On joining the Steering Group, members must fall into the following Early Career Researcher definition:

Early career researchers (ECRs) are scientists, researchers, and practitioners in the early stages of their career. We define this period as either:

- Within seven years of receiving your PhD or equivalent professional training (measured from the date of successful PhD viva to the point of applying),
- Within six years of your first academic appointment (paid contract of employment which lists research or teaching as the primary role).

These durations should exclude any period of career break. We define a career break as an extended period of time when you have not been actively engaged in scholarly research or teaching at a higher education institution. The career break could be, for example, for family care or health reasons.

Additionally, members of the Steering Group act as a regional representative. Members can represent regions where they have worked and maintained significant collaborations in the relevant region during their doctoral studies, post-doctoral work or other relevant working experience. For this call, we particularly encourage nominations from those representing in Central and South America, Asia and Africa. We also encourage nominations from those working in CMIP-participating modelling centres.

Role of a Fresh Eyes scientific co-lead

1. To provide leadership of the Steering Group and vision and drive to achieve the Steering Group's aims and objectives.
2. To chair meetings of the Steering Group.
3. To ensure coordination of and liaison between Projects, with the support of the IPO.
4. To ensure coordination and collaboration between Projects and other CMIP Task Teams, with the support of the IPO
5. To liaise with the CMIP Panel co-chairs and provide guidance to the CMIP IPO regarding project priorities.
6. To represent Fresh Eyes in CMIP Extended Panel meetings.
7. To actively promote the work of Fresh Eyes on CMIP.
8. To report, as relevant, to the CMIP Panel, WIP, and other relevant WCRP activities.

For this call, we are seeking a new co-lead who can represent the Global South.

Role of a Fresh Eyes Steering Group member

1. Attend and contribute to Wider Steering Group meetings, typically meetings every two months, to drive progress and review issues and risks arising Fresh Eyes on CMIP. Additional meetings of the Steering Group may be called as needed.
2. Work with other Steering Group members to develop white papers and other publications as relevant and to support Fresh Eyes development and impact.
3. Ensure adequate availability to be able to respond to requests for support from Steering Group co-chairs and the IPO.
4. Promote the work of Fresh Eyes and CMIP within their own networks and wider community.
5. Commit to promoting diversity, equality, inclusivity, and environmental sustainability within the CMIP project.
6. Steering Group members will assist the co-chairs with delivering the objectives of the Steering Group and liaison with Projects.

Term, time commitment, and remuneration

All appointments to the Steering Group are initially for a term of two years, with up to two one-year extensions possible.

The Steering Group meetings are typically held virtually once every two months, at alternating times. Increased meetings may be necessary in periods of high activity. Meetings will be organised by the CMIP IPO and chaired by one of the co-chairs. The CMIP IPO provide the secretariat function for any Steering Group meetings. Additionally, the scientific co-leads meet for 30-minutes every two to four weeks, as needed.

Fresh Eyes Steering Group members are not paid. Financial support to travel and participate in person to relevant meeting may be available on a case-by-case basis.

How to apply

Please complete this application form.

The deadline for applications/nominations is 30th May 2026