

Subject: 2016 exploratory grants LOIs due 2-17; new application resources

The deadline for letters of intent for the [Gulf Research Program's award year 2016 exploratory grants funding opportunity](#) is fast approaching (**February 17 at 5pm ET**). A letter of intent is required for this opportunity, which is designed to support innovative research projects that seek to break new ground one of the following two topics:

1. Scenario planning to advance safety culture and minimize risk in offshore oil and gas operations
2. Informing coastal community planning and response to environmental change in regions with offshore oil and gas operations

Before submitting, [view brief video tutorials about each topic](#). Details and a link to the online application system are available at www.nas.edu/gulf/grants/exploratorygrants.

If you plan to attend the 2016 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill & Ecosystem Science Conference in Tampa this February, [join Gulf Research Program staff for one of two informal Q&A sessions](#) about current and future grants opportunities. The sessions will take place at the Gulf Research Program's conference booth in the Grand Ballroom Foyer at the Tampa Marriott Waterside.

- Grants Q&A session 1: Tues., Feb. 2, 3:00-3:30pm
- Grants Q&A session 2: Wed., Feb. 3, 3:00-3:30pm

Regards,

The Gulf Research Program

[\(Sign up to receive email updates from the Gulf Research Program\)](#)