

application by October 30, 2024. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-4479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2025-014

1. *Applicant:* Dale Andersen, Carl Sagan Center, SETI Institute, 339 Bernardo Ave., Ste. 200, Mountain View, CA 94043.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Harmful Interference. The applicant requests an ACA permit for the disturbance of up to 10 nesting pairs of Snow Petrels (*Pagodroma nivea*) in association with activities associated with collections of sub-fossilized stomach-oil deposits. The deposits are used by geologists to date ice-sheet thinning, seabird occupation history, and sea ice changes. The applicant proposes to collect 2 deposits, which may result in the disturbance of 5-10 pairs of Snow Petrels.

Location: Untersee, Antarctica.

Dates of Permitted Activities: 15 October, 2024-15 December, 2024.

Permit Application: 2025-015

2. *Applicant:* Sarah Ruth, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs) in association with oversight and management of U.S. Antarctic Program science projects. The applicant proposes to enter specific ASPAs as needed to

conduct site visits of various U.S. science teams working in those ASPAs. The applicant proposes to enter ASPAs on an as needed basis and would be accompanied within the ASPA at all times by the science project participants conducting work in that ASPA. No visits to ASPAs would occur if there is no U.S. Antarctic Program science project active in that ASPA.

Location: ASPA 106—Cape Hallett, Northern Victoria Land, Ross Sea; ASPA 113—Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Anvers Island; ASPA 116—New College Valley; ASPA 121—Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island; ASPA 128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island; ASPA 131—Canada Glacier, Lake Fryxell, Taylor Valley; ASPA 137—Northwest White Island; ASPA 139—Biscoe Point, Anvers Island; ASPA 149—Cape Shirreff and San Telmo Island, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 155—Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 172—Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Victoria Land; ASPA 173—Cape Washington and Silverfish Bay, Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea; ASPA 176—Rosenthal Islands, Anvers Island.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 15, 2024–March 31, 2025.

Alina Pavao,

Administrative Assistant, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference of the National Science Board/National Science Foundation Commission on Merit Review (MRX) for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the NSF Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

TIME AND DATE: The MRX meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be via videoconference through the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda is: Commission Chair's remarks about the agenda; Discussion of Preliminary Implementation Suggestions; Vote for Approval of Preliminary

Implementation Suggestions; and Commission Chair's closing remarks.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Chris Blair, cblair@nsf.gov, 703/292-7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at www.nsf.gov/nsb.

Christopher Blair,

Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (#66).

Date and Time: October 31, 2024: 10:00 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.; November 1, 2024: 9:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314/Hybrid participation for AC Members, Presenters, Visitors, and Guests.

To attend the meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC) for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate (MPS) in person, all visitors must contact the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. Visitors must access NSF via the Visitor Center entry adjacent to the south building entrance on Eisenhower Avenue on the day of the meeting to pick up the visitor's badge. It is suggested that visitors allow time to pass through security screening.

To attend virtually, please use the link provided on the MPS AC website located at <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory.jsp>.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Catalina Achim, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E9335, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone: 703-292-2048.

Meeting Information: <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory.jsp>.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to MPS programs and activities.