

# PROSPECTIVE RCN APPLICANTS:

## Plan to conduct synthesis science at NCEAS

For those responding to NSF's [Dear Colleague Letter](#) "Research Coordination Networks (RCNs) for driving convergent science with [NEON](#)," we encourage you to leverage the facilities and expertise of the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis ([NCEAS](#)) for your proposed synthesis activities.

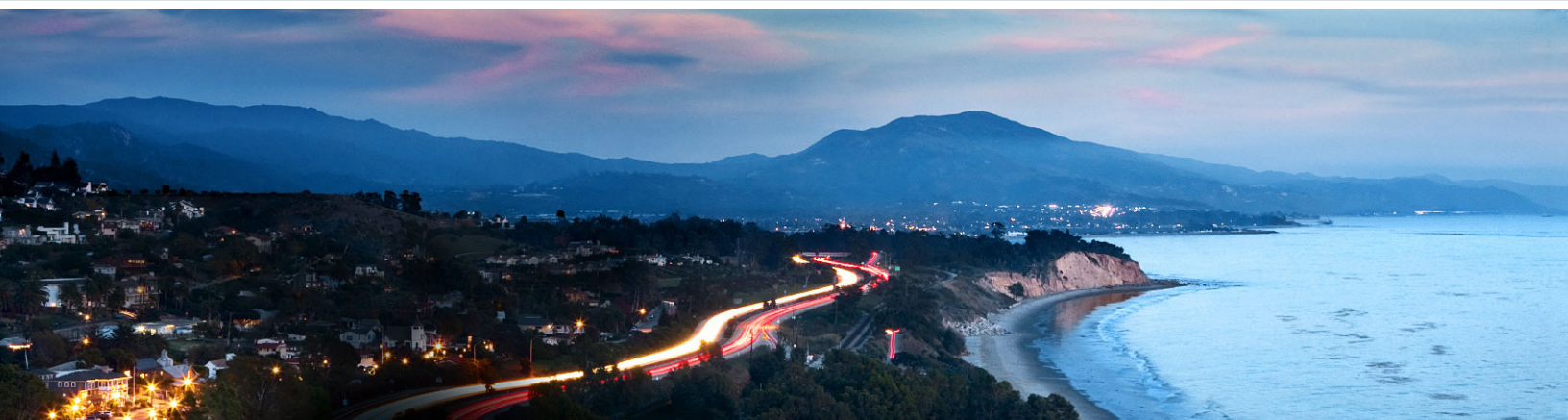
RCN awards "provide collaborative opportunities for NEON-enabled science communities to synthesize investigations of key ecological problems, ideas, and practices." These awards can include funds to convene research working group meetings at NCEAS, plus related activities.

For 24 years, NCEAS has hosted collaborative synthesis research into major ecological and environmental problems at regional, continental and global scales. NCEAS remains the world's premier synthesis science center for such research. It can help successful RCN projects manage collaborative open science activities in support of the DCL's five listed science priorities.



### Meetings at NCEAS gain access to:

- State-of-the-art analytical infrastructure and networked meeting space to support in-person (and virtual) meetings required for successful RCN proposals
- Working group research methods honed to maximize meeting effectiveness
- On-site expertise in environmental data science and informatics
- Training programs to help meet proposal requirements (e.g., "to build the next generation of scientists involved in NEON-enabled science")
- Administrative and logistical support for working group travel and lodging



**For more info on how to include research activities at NCEAS in your RCN funding request, contact:**

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