

**2022 Summits and Working Groups  
Request for Proposals**

CIGLR convenes top experts from Great Lakes universities, NGOs, government agencies, and businesses to participate in summits and working groups (SWGs) focused on identifying the most pressing research and management needs to achieve sustainability in the Great Lakes. **Summits** convene groups of 20-30 invited experts meeting for 2-3 days to summarize the state of knowledge and recommend future directions on Great Lakes problems that span decadal time-scales. **Working groups** bring together smaller groups (8-12) for up to one week to make detailed progress on more narrow Great Lakes issues with solutions on the time scale of months to years. The expected outcome of all SWGs is some type of written product(s) co-designed by SWG participants, such as a peer-reviewed publication, white paper, or policy brief summarizing the progress made on the topic.

Summits and working groups are centered on CIGLR’s research themes. Proposers should review these research themes at [ciglr.seas.umich.edu/research-themes/](https://ciglr.seas.umich.edu/research-themes/) prior to submitting a proposal.

CIGLR is soliciting proposals from Regional Consortium Partners to develop and lead summits or working groups in 2022. CIGLR will support the expenses of hosting SWGs (e.g., space, participant meals and travel costs, materials, etc.) up to $20,000 and provide logistical support. SWGs are primarily held in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In some instances, with discussion and approval by the CIGLR Director, SWGs may be held outside of Ann Arbor at Consortium Partner institutions/organizations. Due to the collaborative nature of SWGs, our preference is to hold them in-person rather than virtually. If COVID-19 restrictions are still in place at the time award decisions are being made, CIGLR may postpone decisions on SWGs or divert SWG funds to a different partner program (e.g., graduate fellowships). This decision will be made in consultation with the Council of Fellows.

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel consisting of members of the Council of Fellows, the CIGLR Director, the GLERL program lead for the selected program area, and 3 principal investigators from University Partner institutions not submitting proposals. Proposals will be judged on the 1) scientific merit of the proposed topic, 2) applications to management needs in the Great Lakes, 3) alignment with CIGLR’s mission, 4) impact and feasibility of the proposed products, 5) opportunities to forge new, cross-disciplinary partnerships, and 6) involvement of members from multiple CIGLR Consortium institutions or organizations. All SWGs must include one or more NOAA GLERL representative on the Steering Committee; SWGs led by CIGLR’s NGO or business partners must also include one or more University Partner PI on the Steering Committee. Recipients of SWG funding are required to report planned products and outcomes to CIGLR within 60 days after the summit, and submit a final report of products and outcomes one year after the summit.

To propose a summit or working group, complete the proposal template below and provide a preliminary agenda. An example summit agenda is provided, but modifications are welcome.

Submit applications to Mary Ogdahl, CIGLR Program Manager: [ogdahlm@umich.edu](mailto:ogdahlm@umich.edu). **The deadline for submissions is January 14, 2022.** Contact Greg Dick, CIGLR Director, with questions: [gdick@umich.edu](mailto:gdick@umich.edu), 734-763-3228.

*Information on past SWGs can be found on CIGLR’s website:*[*https://ciglr.seas.umich.edu/opportunities/summits-and-working-groups/*](https://ciglr.seas.umich.edu/opportunities/summits-and-working-groups/)

**[Summit/Working Group Title]**

**CIGLR Research Theme Alignment (**[ciglr.seas.umich.edu/research-themes/](https://ciglr.seas.umich.edu/research-themes/)**):** [Check one]

Theme I: Advanced Warning Systems

Theme II: Healthy Communities

Theme III: Weather Ready Nation

Theme IV: Coastal Resilience

**Format:** [Check one]

Summit  
 Working group

**Dates:** [Propose dates for the summit/working group]

**Steering Committee:** [Proposed leadership for the summit/working group. Identify the summit lead and include a statement about that individual’s qualifications to lead the summit.]

**Description & Goals:** [2 pages giving the context, background, and need for the summit/working group. Also list the specific goals of the summit/working group.]

**Products:** [List the specific product(s) of the summit (e.g., peer-reviewed paper, white paper, proposal, etc.) and include a draft outline for at least one product.]

**Participants:** [List of proposed participants and their affiliations.]

**[Summit Title]  
[Dates]  
Ann Arbor, MI  
EXAMPLE AGENDA**(modifications are welcome)

**[Day 1: Day, Date]**

Morning/afternoon Travel to Ann Arbor

Early evening Group dinner and social

**[Day 2: Day, Date]**

8:00 – 8:30 am Gather at [meeting location]. A light breakfast will be provided.

8:30 – 8:45 am Welcome by Greg Dick, CIGLR Director

8:45 – 9:00 am Summit overview and goals, [Summit Lead]

9:00 – 10:00 am A few presentations with Q/A to get people thinking

10:00 – 10:15 am Refreshment break

10:15 – 11:00 am Additional talks

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Group discussion and strategy for afternoon break outs

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch break [location]

1:00 – 5:00 pm Working groups

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Group dinner at [location, address]. Meet in hotel lobby at 5:45 to walk to restaurant.

**[Day 3: Day, Date]**

8:00 – 8:30 am Gather at [meeting location]. A light breakfast will be provided.

8:30 – 9:00 am Reports from working groups

9:00 – 11:00 am Finish working groups

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Final reporting, summary and wrap-up

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Adjourn