

## **Who is a TONE member?**

Texas OneGulf has established the Texas OneGulf Network of Experts (TONE), which currently consists of more than 160 scientists, policy experts, and researchers from the nine-research member consortium, to provide a trusted resource for information and science-driven solutions relevant to Gulf of Mexico issues affecting Texas and the region. Below is a list of the nine institutions which TONE members are associated with:

- Center for Translational Environmental Health Research at Texas A&M University Health Science Center
- Marine Biology, Science and Engineering Departments, Texas A&M University at Galveston
- Geochemical and Environmental Research Group (GERG) and Dept. of Oceanography of Texas A&M University
- Biological and Environmental Sciences of University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Sealy Center for Environmental Health and Medicine at University of Texas Medical Branch
- The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment of Texas State University
- Center for U.S. and Mexican Law at University of Houston Law Center
- Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System-Regional Association

Grants must be led by a Principal Investigator that is currently a member of the TONE. Collaboration outside of TONE is acceptable and encouraged. Consortium members noted above are just the lead institution; there are many individuals affiliated with each of these institutions that are officially listed as TONE experts. However, if you are associated with one of the member institutions, but are not yet on our list of TONE experts, you can email [texasonegulf@tamucc.edu](mailto:texasonegulf@tamucc.edu) to become a member at any time.

## **How do I identify a TONE member if I am interested in partnering on a proposal?**

If you do not already have an existing relationship with a TONE member, you may reach out to any of the institutions listed above, or email [texasonegulf@tamucc.edu](mailto:texasonegulf@tamucc.edu) to inquire.

## **Who is the Texas OneGulf Agency Council?**

The Texas OneGulf Agency Council is comprised of Members from: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Texas Division of Emergency Management; Texas General Land Office; Texas Parks and Wildlife Division; and Texas Water Development Board. The Council is an independent body of Texas state agency leadership formed to prioritize research areas from the Strategic Research and Action Plan and assist in project conceptualization. The Council also coordinates with the Texas OneGulf Consortium Leadership, which acts as a Board of Directors for Texas OneGulf, to select final projects for funding.

## **Can I partner on a proposal with individuals employed by agencies associated with the Texas OneGulf Agency Council?**

Yes. Partnering with Council agency employees is encouraged. However, letters of support may not be included from agencies participating in the Texas OneGulf Agency Council. If Council agency employees are envisioned to be end-users or partners, their roles and levels of participation should be detailed in the proposal.

## **Is there a limit to the number of letters of intent or full proposals that an individual may lead or be associated with?**

An individual may only be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on one Texas OneGulf grant proposal but may participate in others in any other capacity. It is the responsibility of the submitters to confirm that each member of the entire team is eligible.

**My letter of intent was submitted but I was not invited to submit a full proposal. Can I still submit a full proposal?**

Yes. However, applicants that are not invited to submit a full proposal will not have the opportunity to meet with the Council to discuss their LOI. These meetings are for invited Investigators and Council members to ask questions, build or strengthen relationships, and identify key aspects necessary for an effective co-production process such as: management need, goal or problem, and timeframes; key assumptions and/or constraints of the decision-making context; potentially relevant scientific information; applicable methodologies, models, approaches, data sources, criteria, etc.; and understanding risk and uncertainty. For LOIs that are not invited to submit a proposal, applicants will need to gather this information on their own to be competitive at the full proposal stage.