

POLAR EARLY CAREER WORLD SUMMIT

Boulder, Colorado, US

22 - 24 March
2025

The **Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)**, the **Polar Science Early Career Community Office (PSECCO)**, and the **Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Programme** are collaborating to organize a **Polar Early Career World Summit**.

It will be held alongside the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP) IV and the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) in Boulder, Colorado, US in March 2025 with the aim to bring together **early career researchers, professionals, Indigenous scholars and knowledge holders connected to the Arctic, Antarctica, and the wider cryosphere from across the world**. We will have discussions to:

Shape polar research priorities and the next IPY

Provide input into ICARP IV and the development of the 5th **International Polar Year (2032-33)**

Strengthen polar early career networks and connections

Discuss the **past, present and future of polar early career networks** and strengthen them through in-depth discussions, relationship-building, and developing formats of collaboration

Amplify voices of the polar early career community

Conversations at the summit will be synthesized into multiple output formats to **reach a broad audience and influence polar science policy** and decision-making processes



Building on the successful history of two previous APECS World Summits, this summit will foster **international collaboration across disciplines** and encourage discussions that many early career professionals are already spearheading within the scientific community, including emphasizing a need for **equity and inclusion within polar research**, urging **open science development**, working across disciplines, furthering **applied research**, stimulating effective **science communication**, and developing **equitable collaboration through co-production of knowledge**.

Interested in attending or collaborating?

Please help the planning team by **indicating your interest to attend in this short form**. This will inform our planning to secure the attendance of as many polar early career professionals as possible. More information, including a call for registration and contributions, will follow in October 2024.

The **Organizing Committee** can be reached at **organizing-committee@pecws.org** for proposals for collaboration, offers of financial support for early career researchers to be able to attend the conference, or to answer any questions regarding the planning.



- **October 2024**
Call for session and workshop proposals
The Polar Early Career World Summit will accommodate workshops and sessions to gather input for the next IPY, discuss research priorities from an early career perspective and to strengthen the networks facilitating these activities. In addition to these themes, an open call for summit activity proposals will be released in October 2024.
- **October - December 2024**
Application for travel grants
The Organizing Committee is collaborating with partner organizations and funding bodies to offer limited travel grants for the Polar Early Career World Summit. More information about the available grants and the application procedure will be published in fall 2024.
- **22 - 24 March 2025**
Polar Early Career World Summit 2025
The Polar Early Career World Summit 2025 will be held alongside ICARP IV and ASSW in Boulder, Colorado, US in March 2025. A detailed program will be distributed in January 2025.
- **Following March 2025**
Activities towards the 5th IPY
The organizers will continue to collaborate with attendees, partner organizations and the broader polar community to facilitate the representation of early career voices in the planning and execution of the 5th IPY.

The summit is collaboratively organized by



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