UK Arctic-Antarctic Partnership: open call for expressions of interest for membership

Call for membership

UK Arctic-Antarctic Partnership (UKAAP) is seeking expressions of interest for people to serve on the Steering Committee. We seek ~10 new members from across the UK polar community, and seek to appoint with a diversity of career stages, institutions and research interests, and especially welcome applications from underrepresented groups. Please complete the UKAAP Steering Committee Application Form by **20th December 2026** to be considered in this open call for members.

We seek expressions of interest from people willing to take a proactive role within the UKAAP, supporting IPY activities and the activities of the Committee (see Terms of Reference). We are particularly interested in receiving expressions of interest from people with interests in:

- Polar geoengineering
- Polar geopolitics
- Palaeoclimate
- Polar glaciers excluding ice sheets
- Polar ecology/biology

Interested applicants should have a contract as long as the expected term of service (2027-2030), be based at a UK institution (including universities, research institutes, NGOs, charities or companies with polar interests), and be well linked to the UK polar community.

Further information on the UKAAP Steering Committee

The UK Arctic-Antarctic Partnership (UKAAP) is a community led initiative established in 2014, aimed at bringing together researchers across a full range of disciplines who are interested in the polar regions. UKAAP also serves as the UK National Committee for IPY 2032-2033.

UKAAP acts to draw together the UK polar community and to act as a strategic focal point for researchers, stakeholders, and other parties with active interests in polar research. Its work is planned and led by a Steering Committee that seeks to establish and maintain a membership that is broadly representative of UK polar research and, where appropriate, wider stakeholder communities.

The UKAAP Steering Committee is usually 25-30 people, drawn from a range of institutions and interests in the UK polar community. Individual membership of the Steering Committee is usually based on a 3-year term, which can be renewed for a second 3-year term.

Steering Committee members are requested to participate in two meetings per year; one online, in April, and one hybrid, to coincide with the annual Arctic/Antarctic conference in September.

UKAAP is chaired by Professor Bethan Davies (Newcastle University), with Professor Kate Hendry as Deputy Chair. Administrative support is provided by BAS.

Please direct questions and queries to Bethan Davies (bethan.davies@newcastle.ac.uk).