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The Antarctic Wildlife Research Fund (AWR) Announces Second Call for Project Proposals

March 22, 2016, Oslo, Norway: In March 2015, scientists, NGOs and Aker BioMarine founded The Antarctic Wildlife Research Fund (AWR) in an effort to obtain more scientific information on the Antarctic ecosystem. After its first successful round of research, the AWR is announcing the second call for project proposals (with a budget of 200,000 USD) for consideration to fund future research.

The AWR is inviting scientists to submit proposals before June 17th, 2016. More information about the preferred areas for project proposals ([hyperlink here](#)) and the official application form ([hyperlink](#)) are available online now.

After the first round of grants were secured last year, an independent Science Advisory Group, comprised of eight of the world's leading Antarctic scientists, chose the best proposals. A multi-step process was created and only those proposals aimed at providing exceptional science beneficial to the Fund's goals were selected. Scientists from five different countries will study whales, penguins and krill, addressing knowledge gaps regarding krill and its dependent predators.

"Since its inception, the AWR is moving in a positive direction" said Dr. Rodolfo Werner, Scientific Advisor to the AWR. "After our initial round of research, we are pleased to take this to the next level with new programs that will help us fill critical knowledge gaps or provide early warning signals about future ecological change. Only through the cooperation and interest from scientists around the globe will we have the opportunity to launch new research programs that will help us better understand the role of Antarctic krill in the Southern Ocean."

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About Antarctic Research Fund

The Antarctic Wildlife Research Fund facilitates and promotes research on the Antarctic ecosystem. The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition, WWF-Norway and Aker BioMarine established AWR in January 2015.

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