

**Announcing Mini-WISE Meetings: Criteria and Applications**

Thanks to generous support from the Templeton Foundation, Carnegie Science, and other sources of funding, you have the opportunity to convene follow-up “Mini-WISE Meetings.” The goal of these meetings is to expand the impact of WISE by holding a series of small, multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional workshops in 2025 and 2026 to explore promising directions in the study of complex evolving systems. The anticipated outcomes of these small collaborative meetings will be new publications and/or grant proposals.

**Criteria and Ground Rules:**

* Organizational grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded to as many as 12 newly-formed groups, typically of 4 to 8 researchers.
* Groups must integrate 2 or more different disciplines from 2 or more different institutions.
* At least 2 team members from different disciplines and institutions must have attended WISE.
* At least 2 team members from different disciplines and institutions must be pre-tenure.

**Possible Topics (these are examples, and do not indicate priorities or preferences):**

* The nature of open-ended versus bounded evolution
* The second law of thermodynamics and evolution
* Similarities and differences between different models (AT, constructal law, emergence, TAP, etc.)
* Arrow(s) of time and evolution
* Evolving AI systems
* The role of information in evolving systems

**People:**

* New research teams will typically have 4 to 8 members, though there is no strict limit, providing the team is cohesive and multi-disciplinary.
* A research team can be entirely organized by and composed of early-career scholars.
* Teams should represent new collaborations among individuals who have not worked together before.
* All WISE participants are eligible.

**Applications:**

* Use the one-page application form on the next page.
* Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis by members of the WISE Organizing Committee.
* We may get back to applicants to ask for clarifications and/or revisions.

**Mini-WISE Meetings—Application Form**

**Who will participate in your team?** Please list up to 8 participants, including their career stage, academic discipline, department, institution, and website.

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**What multi-disiciplinary topic will your team explore? (limit 200 words)**

**Expected Outputs (i.e., a manuscript or grant proposal, and where might you submit?**

**Limit 100 words)**