

# SHORT FORM GUIDELINES

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## Amira Global Tailings Collaboration



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## 1. Introduction

The Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management was launched on 5 August 2020. The standard provides guidance for our industry to manage its tailings responsibilities. Amira Global (Amira) Members have recognised that implementation is key and that our industry **MUST** work together to learn, share and improve the situation.

Importantly, shared responsibility includes resolving the persistent and growing tailings volumes. Amira has established a collaboration of mining companies who together represent over a third of the 2025 planned tailings volume. The collaboration represents major and mid-tier organisations across all commodities and operating across the globe.

This collaboration is seeking to support research and development that could unlock breakthrough science and technology in the following three key areas:

- Avoiding catastrophic failure through monitoring and containment
- Tailings repurposing that results in a step change in existing tailings volumes
- Step changes in the characterization, extraction, and processing of material in the production of Tailings volume.

Amira is inviting R&D Short Form Proposals that will be evaluated by the Amira Tailings Collaboration for potential support and sponsorship through Amira.

## 2. Application Process

The application process involves a call for Short Form applications, which are assessed according to the eligibility and acceptance criteria outlined in sections 3 and 5. Short Form applications are open for submissions in December and May each year. The timing of submissions is aligned with Amira’s Cadence Map (Figure 1) which ensures Members have the information they require to make informed decisions on which programs to invest in and prepare their budgets.

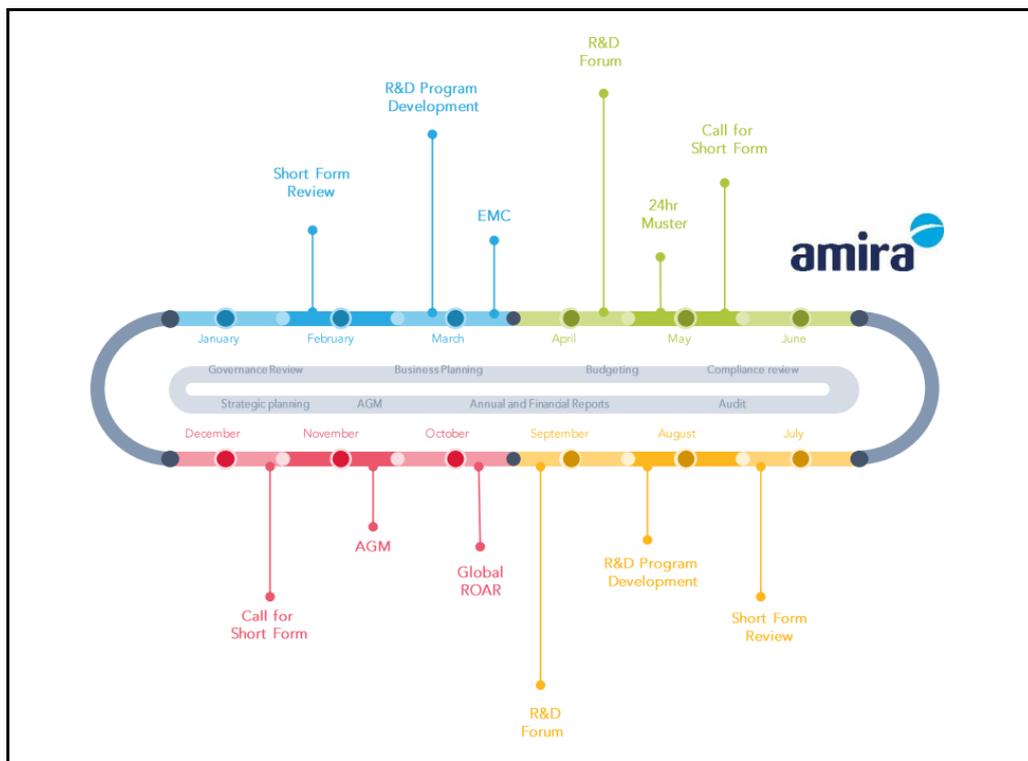


Figure 1: Amira Global Cadence Map

An overview of the application process is as follows:

1. Global call for thematic Short Form applications will occur in December and May
2. All completed applications received by the closing date will be considered
3. Amira Global will facilitate the review process undertaken by the Amira Member Tailings Collaboration based on their individual selection criteria
4. Successful applications will be invited to submit a Long Form Proposal detailing the technical financial and planning aspects of their proposal
5. Long Form Proposals will be presented at Amira’s R&D forum’s which are held in April and September each year
6. Successful Long Form Proposals will proceed under Amira’s governance, legal framework and agreements developed over a 60 year period under which research projects can proceed and relationships established between researchers and sponsors

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for Amira’s Short Form applications is as follows:

- R&D proposals should have the potential to deliver key breakthroughs in TSF management
- Applications are open to all organisations from relevant industry and research sectors
- Applicants must have demonstrated capability in the relevant area of research and development
- Applicants must have the freedom to operate in the required area of research via appropriate IP and moral rights
- Assessment Criteria will be provided with each call for Short Form applications as relevant to the theme
- Amira Global Program Managers are available to assist in helping you develop your short-form and long-form proposals

### 4. Submission Process

Applications should be submitted using the online [Short Form Application](#) on the Amira Global website.

Giving false or misleading information may disqualify your application from being considered. If you find you have made an error in your submission, please contact [Amira Global](#) immediately.

You can also contact Amira Global staff for any other assistance you require.

#### 4.1. Important Dates

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Submissions Open                             | 18 December 2020                 |
| Submissions Closes                           | 26 February 2021                 |
| Review Process; Shortlisting and Assessment* | 12 February 2021 – 30 March 2021 |
| Applicants Notified                          | 30 March 2021                    |
| Present at Amira’s R&D Forum                 | 27 April 2021                    |

\*Applicants may be contacted at this stage and asked to provide additional information

## 5. Acceptance Criteria

Amira will facilitate the review process which will be undertaken by the Amira Member Tailings Collaboration based on their individual selection criteria and the following:

- Proposals must align with the program objectives set out in the call
- The quality of research and inter-disciplinary collaboration
- Capacity, capability, and resources to deliver the project
- Education and training opportunities the project will provide
- Identification of pathways to translation of research outcomes to utilisation in the industry

## 6. Reporting Obligations

Successful submissions are required to present their proposal at the next Amira R&D Forum which are held in April and September each year.

## 7. Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

- Amira has policies to ensure that matters of material interest and confidentiality are dealt with appropriately and diligently during the assessment process
- As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interest or confirm that there is no conflict of interest
- We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and confidential
- We may disclose this information to any selection committee or Members who may show an interest in your proposal.
- We may also disclose this information if we are required to by law
- Any personal information you provide may be shared with our employees so we can manage the project

Amira Global reserves the right to amend these guidelines at any time.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines to assist applicants with the submission of a Short Form Application. This document is not a legal contract.

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