



## Purpose Statement

The central strategic purpose of the Antarctic Science Foundation, as outlined in its Constitution, is to support world-class scientific research, including new and iconic scientific research endeavours, that enhance the understanding and protection of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean, and subantarctic natural environments. Our activities support:

1. Scientific research consistent with the following objectives:  
Providing information about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment in Antarctica the Southern Ocean and subantarctic, including information that will contribute to the protection and enhancement of these environments; and  
  
Supporting the development and availability of polar technologies needed to support Antarctic, Southern Ocean, and subantarctic scientific research that is the principal purpose of the Antarctic Science Foundation Fund;
2. Scientific research consistent with the following themes:  
Antarctic climate science to improve understanding of the relationships between Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and the subantarctic, and global and Australian climate; Antarctic conservation and management to improve understanding and protection of Antarctic, Southern Ocean, and subantarctic ecosystems and wildlife; and Frontier polar research and technology in respect of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean and subantarctic natural environments, and the global Australian climate;
3. Scientific research that is primarily conducted in, or focuses on, East Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and subantarctic natural environments; and
4. Activities, including education, that improve the public's understanding of the importance of protecting and conserving the Antarctic, the Southern Ocean and subantarctic natural environments, and the critical role of these environments in the global climate systems.

These activities will be conducted in a manner aligned with the Australian Antarctic Program.

