

NEPAL POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARS NETWORK (NPESN)

- ❖ *Promote interdisciplinary research between social and natural sciences*
- ❖ *Enhance capacity building*
- ❖ *Strengthen policy impact through evidence-based recommendations.*

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We are pleased to introduce the **Nepal Population and Environment Scholars Network (NPESN)**, an emerging initiative dedicated to advancing research and training that bridges human and natural systems in Nepal. We believe that the complex challenges facing our country—from shifting demographics and evolving social landscapes to environmental changes and climate adaptation—demand a collaborative, interdisciplinary response.

Our preliminary goals are:

- Connect new generation of experts, students, policy makers and practitioner from social sciences, natural sciences, policy, and practice, enhancing the exchange of ideas and methods;
- Foster collaborations that address multifaceted questions about population dynamics, resource use, human well-being, and environmental resilience;
- Support evidence-based policies by translating robust research into actionable recommendations for government and civil society;
- Build capacity among emerging scholars and researchers through shared resources, mentorship, and training;
- Integrate indigenous and local knowledge, ensuring solutions are both culturally respectful and practically effective;
- Promote open data sharing and collaborative research projects that can have a wider impact;
- Secure funding for long-term projects and initiatives that benefit both academia and society.

The formation of this network seeks to break down barriers and make it easier for researchers to work together, learn from each other, and collectively contribute to Nepal's development in a holistic and sustainable manner.

We invite interested scholars to join this initiative and help us shape its future. If you interested in participating, please register by clicking the button below. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining the network please share the website to get them involved. Your expertise, insights, and collaborative spirit will be essential to realizing our shared vision.

We look forward to building a vibrant community that supports impactful research, meaningful policy contributions, and sustainable development for Nepal.

AGENDAS:

- ◆ **Resource mapping**
 - Technical expertise
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- ◆ **New initiative: Emma R. Labovitz**
 - Research Plan
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POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Institutions	Website	Major Field	Funding range	Next submission date	Remarks
1. UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)	https://www.ukri.org/				
2. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science	https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/				
3. Swissnex	https://swissnex.org/				
4. German Research Foundation (DFG)	https://www.dfg.de/en				
5. Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)	https://www.snf.ch/en				
6. VELUX STIFTUNG	https://veluxstiftung.ch/				
7. NIH: NICHD (R01, R21)	https://www.nichd.nih.gov/	Population studies, health impacts of climate change, demographic-environment interactions		06/05/2026 08/05/2026 02/05/2027	
8. NSF: Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences	https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/drms-decision-risk-management-sciences	Understanding effectiveness of decision-making by individuals, groups, and organizations		08/18/2026	Global views on natural hazards; early warning systems; effect of migration on perceptions?
9. NSF Critical Zone	https://criticalzone.org/	Understanding interactions between near-surface processes		Anytime	Effect of wildfires on soil/landscape/erosion risk?
10. NSF HEGS program	https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/hegs-human-environment-geographical-sciences-program	Geography and human-environmental sciences		08/07/2026	Mental health and conservation paymen

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1.	The Wellcome Trust	https://wellcome.org/insights/articles/health-effects-climate-change-explained	Health impacts of environmental and climate change, especially on populations in the Global South		04/08/2026	Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking urgent climate action by making the health effects of climate change visible
2.	The Wellcome Trust	https://wellcome.org/insights/articles/health-effects-climate-change-explained	Climate change and mental health, transdisciplinary	2.5 million pounds	04/08/2026	Effect of climate-induced migration or climate stress
3.	NASA ROSES		Use of remote sensing datasets		3/31/2026	Assessing land use change and out-migration relationship
4.	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation		Population, environment, reproductive health, sustainable development, especially in Africa and South Asia			
5.	Rockefeller Foundation: Climate resilience and disaster recovery.		climate resilience & human well-being			
6.	The Gates Foundation		global health & development, including environmental dimensions			
7.	MacArthur Foundation		climate solutions and population issues			
8.	The Environmental Research & Education Foundation					
9.	Belmont Forum		Sustainability Pathways	\$1 million?	Opens Feb. 2026	Commercializing agriculture; developing other industries

NEW INITIATIVE: EMMA R. LABOVITZ

□ Research Plan

□ Feedback

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