



Remote Access (RA)

Remote Access (RA) is a form of Trans-National Access in which the user(s) do not visit the infrastructure/installation physically themselves; instead the staff of the infrastructure/installation is conducting the study/collecting the samples/doing the monitoring for the user(s) according to their research plan.

[TA/RA calls](#) are open annually for scientists and research groups (=users/user groups) to apply for Trans-national Access and Remote Access.

Remote Access is ideal for:

- Research (incl. experimental and monitoring studies; the latter if sufficient resources are available or for a short time continuation of a longer time series)
- Obtaining data from one or several sites
- Filling a data gap
- Obtaining comparable data from other areas than your own study
- Obtaining background data or complimentary data from the location where you obtain new data
- Following rapid response to e.g. possible environmental/biological hazards at multiple sites
- Minimising CO2 emissions from travels to field sites
- Developing longer term cooperation with station(s), e.g. implementation of scientific network standards for contributions to regional/global assessments (requires agreement by station)

Requirements for Remote Access studies:

- Simple experimental setup and instructions, and realistic demand for time and expertise
- Researcher(s) are able to provide necessary equipment if the station does not have it available
- Staff with required skills are available at the station or no expert knowledge or special training is required to conduct the research
- Staff is available at the required time of data collection

For more information about Trans-National Access and Remote Access and Access modality (TA/RA/VA) selection tool, see [Accessing the Arctic website](#).