

Update on radiosonde campaigns

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Funding opportunities

Call for proposals to buy equipment for research in Chile

- Call open once per year between May-June
- We applied this year to buy a radiosonde equipment + accessories (balloons, radiosondes, Helium)
- Unfortunately, we did not get the proposal
- We think to postulate again next year

Radiosonde launching service



- The first company that sent us a quote for a radiosonde campaigns at Armazones 2K is no longer available
- Another company in Santiago offers a radiosondes launching service
- I asked the price for different options:

Options	No. radiosondes	Price [usd]
5 radiosondes, 1 per night	5	24.400
4 campaigns over a year, 1 per season	20	97.700
3 radiosondes per night, 5 nights	15	36.640
1 radiosonde at night	1	11.900

Contribution from our Center



We could use some funding to support the radiosonde campaigns

- We could buy a set of radiosondes and balloons, maybe Helium (to be confirmed)
- Two researchers could help in the operations during the campaigns

Another radiosonde equipment available?



- There is a radiosonde equipment owned by a research group in Santiago (University of Chile)
- I asked whether they can lend us the equipment to conduct a radiosondes campaign.
- We would need to buy the accessories.
- Still waiting for the response!!!