

## Pilot Funding for New Initiatives (Pfund)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions asked in response to the **FY 2013-14 Pfund RFP** as of **September 11, 2013, which was the last day to ask questions about the RFP.**

**This is the final list of Q&A for this competition.**

**Proposal deadline: September 25, 2013**

1. **Q.** *I received Pfund grant five years ago; am I eligible to apply a new Pfund?*

**A.** The RFP in Section I.D. states: "An individual may submit only one proposal in response to this RFP. Individuals who received Pfund awards in **last year's** FY2012-13 competition are **not** eligible for this round of funding. Individuals who received Pfund awards in the FY2011-12 or earlier competitions **are** eligible for this round of funding."
2. **Q.** *I would like to try a new direction related to energy problems. Can I apply for a Pfund grant with the ultimate intent of pursuing U.S. Department of Energy DOE funding?*

**A.** Because the Pfund program is part of Louisiana's NSF EPSCoR project, the Pfund RFP specifies that the topic must be one that is supported by NSF; however, it is not necessary that you pursue funding only from NSF. It is acceptable (and PFund awardees are encouraged) to pursue funding from NSF and well as other sources.
3. **Q.** *How do I submit the Letter of Intent for EPSCoR Pfund 2013-14?*

**A.** There is no requirement for a letter of intent for the Pfund program. Proposals should be submitted via the LOGAN online system using the Pfund module.
4. **Q.** *I have several scientists that I collaborate with on the subject of my proposal. What is the criteria to determine which collaborators need to submit the biographical sketch and the current and pending support information. Also, I have two scientists that I have not collaborated with yet but plan future collaborations on the subject of my proposal; do they need to submit that information?*

**A.** Pfund proposals are usually single-investigator; however, co-PIs are allowable. The biographical sketch and current and pending support information are required for the PI, and are used by the reviewers in their evaluation of the proposal. The Pfund RFP does not mention whether co-PIs need to submit this information, but in general, it is advantageous to provide information about the project participants to the reviewers. In the case of individuals who are not currently associated with the project, it is doubtful that this information would be useful to the reviewers as they evaluate the proposal.

5. **Q.** *The RFP states that all pages should be numbered consecutively. Does this include the cover page, list of prospective reviewers, budget, etc.? Or is it only the project description?*

**A.** It is sufficient to number only the project description.

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