

EPSCoR
Louisiana Materials Design Alliance (LAMDA)
Seed Funding Track 1 B: Collaborative Partnership Award

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) as of **November 27, 2020**, which was the last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: December 11, 2020

Question:

In the website, there's an option about Co-PI. My questions is about the collaborator - Senior LAMDA Investigators. Do I have to list them as Co-PI? In my previous CIMM proposal, I just mentioned their name and describe their mentorship. Especially, the senior LAMDA investigator cannot get the stipend from either LAMDA Track 1B or LAMDA Track 2. I think that I do not have to list him/her as Co-PI, right?

Answer:

There is no requirement in the RFP that the LAMDA Senior Investigator be a co-PI.

Question:

For this NSF demographic survey form, it is marked as voluntary in RFP. However, it is not clearly stated if it is optional or mandatory. But I intend to follow the RFP, right?

Answer:

We have made the form required in the application process since we are required to attempt to collect this demographic information. However, we cannot require you to answer it so therefore you can leave the answers blank on the form and/or check prefer not to respond.

Question:

Are you sure if we need to upload the Excel file for budget? In RFP, it is "SUMMARY PROPOSAL BUDGET" - A Table. I am really confused and doubt if we need to upload such a spreadsheet file? I intend to follow the RFP. Just upload this page, "SUMMARY PROPOSAL BUDGET" . However, could you please help to confirm?

Answer:

You should upload the summary proposal budget as provided in the word forms on the google

drive link on the solicitation page. We changed the instruction to upload the budget file in pdf.

Question:

The collaborator does not have to be Co-PI, right? Can he or she work as senior personnel and get some stipend **as subaward**, e.g. summer salary? It's not mentioned here, so I think it should be OK. Just hope to confirm.

Answer:

The collaborator must be a LAMDA Investigator or LAMDA Seed recipient. Please refer the Appendix at the end for the list of LAMDA members. Since the collaborator is funded by LAMDA, he/she is not eligible for summer salary.

Question:

I can claim my own summer stipend, right?

Answer:

Yes, you are eligible to receive summer salary.

Question:

One of the criteria for this track "Establish and/or expand industrial collaborations.", such kind of proof can be an email from the industry? Is it useful too? Because it may be difficult for me to get an official letter from the industry.

Answer:

Yes, an email will be fine. There is no requirement in the Track 1 B RFP for a letter of industry support.

Question:

I just received the RFP for LAMADA - Track 1B. My question is about the list for LAMDA investigators.

I cannot find the Appendix. Could you please help to clarify?

Answer:

It is on the last page of the RFP, page 10. It is called LAMDA team members. I attached the RFP here for your convenience.