

NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals, FY2022

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals as of **October 20, 2021**, which was the last day to answer questions.

Notices of Intent are due: September 29, 2021
Last Day to Answer Questions: October 20, 2021
Preproposals are due: November 18, 2021

Question:

Hello, my colleagues and I are interested in filing a "CAN" proposal and the NOI is due next Wed. It appears from the instructions I must go through the "apply now" button on the LA EPSCoR website but it appears to ask for a PDF to be uploaded as part of the Notice of Intent but I can't find any instructions in what is required in this file--as opposed to the pre-proposal. Can you point me in the right direction? Thanks.

Answer:

Please refer to Appendix B of the RFP, and there is a pre-proposal notice of intent form. This is the form that must be completed and uploaded to the LA EPSCoR site.

Question:

I am trying to submit an NOI for NASA EPSCoR CAN pre-proposal before the deadline which is tomorrow afternoon. The link mentioned in the solicitation is <https://laepscor.piestarrfx.com/opportunities> and after creating an account, I see a page which seem to be for the pre-proposal submission, since only the Nov 18 deadline is mentioned. Can you please confirm this is where I should upload the NOI? Will I need to only save the uploaded NOI as a draft, or push the submit button?

Answer:

Yes, this is where you should upload the NOI. There is also a proposal file upload. Please upload the NOI there as well. It is a technical glitch that will allow you to submit the NOI. The full proposal is not expected to be ready yet. You do need to submit the NOI.

Question:

I am working with professors to submit a notice of intent for the LA NASA EPSCoR program, which we just learned about it. We would like to know if there is a specific format (components) and length for the NOI and the proper channel to submit it. Do we send it directly to you by email?

Answer:

The solicitation guidelines contain all of the information you are requesting. The link for submitting the NOI is on page 5 and the NOI form is on page 15.

Question:

I would like to ask you a question on the NOI submission of the FY22 LA NASA EPSCoR Competitive Research PreProposal. The website shows, "To submit your NOI, upload it into both the NOI and Proposal upload and save your application as a draft." I have uploaded and saved the NOI file as a draft, but didn't submit it. Can you please take a look and let me know if I need to hit the "Submit" button for this NOI submission?

Answer:

Yes you do need to hit submit. Thank you.

Question:

Can I ask whether i can get copies of the previously selected proposals? I have another question for the proposal. I see the solicitation highly suggests collaboration with NASA researchers. Is it typical to allocate some budget for NASA collaborators? Or is it just voluntary collaboration?

Answer:

1) No, we do not distribute copies of other people's proposed work.
2) In response to your second question, regarding paying NASA Researchers, see content copied directly from the solicitation for this competition. Page 3 of the solicitation under Eligibility: Direct labor costs will be allowed exclusively for faculty, staff, students, and visiting researchers at Louisiana Institutions. Page 4 of the solicitation under Financial Considerations: Note that this program is designed to improve aerospace research capability in Louisiana and, consequently, funding should support effort within the state. Funding allocated to researchers outside of the state is not recommended. Page 9 of the solicitation under Proposal Elements/Budget: All costs to be incurred by NASA Centers on behalf of NASA EPSCoR for the use of facilities and contracted technical work should be identified in the research proposal funding request. In advance of proposal submission, proposers should contact NASA installations from which services will be requested in order to ascertain the availability and anticipated costs of such services. Salaries and travel of NASA civil servants is not allowed.

Question:

I have another question about the eligibility. I just realized that it said "*Science PIs/Institutional PIs who have been successful in the national competition (i.e. were selected by NASA) over the past 5 years (i.e. the FY2017, FY2018, FY2019, FY2020 & FY2021 competitions) may not propose as leads to this RFP.*" I was awarded by NASA ESI program in 2019. However, since I was at a different institute when I got the award, and since it was a different program, would I be allowed to be a PI on this one?

Answer:

Yes, you are eligible. The stipulation below is that you cannot have been a PI of a NASA EPSCoR Cooperative Agreement Notice (the program to which you are currently submitting) within the last five years.

Question:

Am I allowed to change the Co-Is and the title for the full proposal? Do they have to be the same as in the NOI?

Answer:

Changes to the Co-Is and title are allowable.

Question:

A colleague will serve as a Co-Investigator of my pre-proposal. Can that colleague serve as a Co-Investigator of another pre-proposal?

Answer:

The only restriction per the RFP is that the faculty member may submit only one pre-proposal in response to this solicitation as Principal Investigator (PI). There are no restrictions on co-investigators. So yes, you can be a co-investigator on multiple proposals.