EPSCoR Louisiana Materials Design Alliance (LAMDA) Seed Funding Track 1A: Single Investigator Award

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) as of **June 28, 2023**.

Proposals Due: July 7, 2023

Question:

I may be interested in applying for this grant. The grant amount listed is \$10000. Does the amount include indirect cost, or can I ask for indirect cost separately?

Answer:

The maximum amount of the award is \$10,000. Per the RFP, "Institutions are strongly encouraged to waive the F&A on these awards to maximize the impact of the seed grants." If your institution chooses to charge F&A, then that will come out of the \$10,000. It is our understanding that many institutions already have policies in place waiving F&A on grants under \$10,000.

Question:

I am a new faculty at LSU, and I plan to apply for LAMDA Seed Funding this Summer. I have not received any support from LAMDA before, but considering my affiliation with LSU, I am unsure if I am an official member in LAMDA? I am interested in applying for the Track 1B proposal so I will need to know my membership status to build a team.

Answer:

Yes, you are eligible to receive a seed grant.

Question:

I just learned of the LAMDA funding calls, and I think my work might be a good fit. However, I would appreciate some clarification. The Track 1 RFP says:

The PI may apply for only one of the Track 1 awards, i.e. a Single Investigator Award or a Collaborative Partnership Award in this funding cycle.

Am I correct in understanding that I can apply for (and potentially be awarded) both of the following calls?

- 1) 2023-24 Louisiana Materials Design Alliance (LAMDA) Seed Funding Track 1A: Single Investigator Award Year 4
- 2) 2023-24 Louisiana Materials Design Alliance (LAMDA) Seed Funding Track 2: Industrial Collaboration Award Year 4

Question:

I have a question regarding the required documents for this RFP: In the Biosketch section, do I have to attach both my (PI) and my co-PI's CV or should I only attach my CV? I am asking this because the title and NSF demographics section specifically asked for only the PI's details (and not the co-PI).

Answer:

Only the PI's biosketch is required.

Question:

The RFP for the LAMDA Seed Funding Track 1A indicates that investigator's biosketch must be attached, in the NSF format and no longer than two pages. However, the current format for the NSF biosketch is three pages (NSF PAPPG Chapter II.D.2.h(i)). Should the investigator use the old NSF format (two pages) or the new NSF format (three pages)?

Answer:

Due to the recent change in the NSF format for the CV, we will accept both formats, the old 2-page format or the new SciENcv, which is 3 pages.