

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

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) as of **May 30, 2025**, which was the last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: June 6, 2025

Question:

In the past cycles, the F&A is limited to **25% of total salaries, wages, and fringe benefits** (see attached 2024-2025 RFP page 3). However, I cannot find any instructions on the attached solicitation for this upcoming cycle. Is the University's federally negotiated rate (48% MTDC) allowed for this program? If not, is there any F&A limitation?

Answer:

Thank you for your inquiry. These awards will be funded solely by NSF funds. Therefore, the university may use the federally negotiated rate.

Question:

I have a question regarding the LAMDA Seed Funding Track 1B. I am currently funded by LAMDA for the 2024-2025 cycle. The research is progressing very well, and we have discovered some promising new directions and potential improvements related to the same topic.

Given this progress, I would like to request renewed funding for a project with a similar focus. In this case, should I submit a new proposal with a new title through the website, or is there an option to request a renewal while keeping the same project title?

Answer:

Yes, you are eligible to apply for a renewal. Please note instructions in the proposal format section regarding renewal proposals and status question on the cover page.

Question:

Thank you for the LAMDA CUF award received recently. I would also like to submit a proposal for the LAMDA seed funding track 1B: Collaborative partnership award due June 6th, 2025. Does the CUF award limits my eligibility for submitting as PI for track1B award? If no, then can Dr. Marvel act as a collaborator to be included in the Track 1B proposal?

Answer:

You are eligible to apply for the LAMDA Track 1B program. Dr. Marvel, a LAMDA Seed grant recipient, is an eligible collaborative partner.

Question:

Do we use are federally negotiated F&A rate?
Is cost share required? Is cost share allowable?

Answer:

You may use your federally negotiated F&A rate. Per the RFP, cost sharing is not required.