

Belmont Forum - Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) Multilateral International Opportunities Fund Initiative

National Annex: National Science Foundation, United States of America

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within each selected consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. Funding is meant for community building (Type 1 projects) and collaborative research (Type 2 projects). A consortium agreement (including International Property Rights) will need to be developed between the participating researchers should their application be successful, and shared with the relevant Partner Organizations. All projects have to include a budget for participation in synthesis meetings that will be held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international conference or event.

The total budget for this call is approximately 10 million Euros. NSF anticipates that a total of 8-10 research consortia will be supported for Type 1 projects and between one and three Type 2 projects. Maximum funding levels for both types of projects is anticipated at approximately \$100,000 to 150,000 per award, per year for the total US consortia, pending the availability of funds.

ELIGIBILITY

Each consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries. Moreover, so as to benefit from the additional geographic breadth brought by the link between the Belmont Forum and European FACCE-JPI, all proposals including FACCE-JPI countries should also include at least one Belmont Forum country, which is not a member country of FACCE-JPI. Each consortium must show clear links through to users and include collaboration between natural and social/economic sciences, and other sciences where relevant. Researchers from countries not represented by any of the partner-countries can participate in the research project at their own expense.

Consortium partners should identify a Leading Principal Investigator (LPI) for each proposal for application, management and communication purposes. The LPI is officially responsible for all communications with the Program Office, including the submission of the Preliminary Proposal and, if invited to do so, submission of the Full Proposal.

U.S. investigators may only be **part of one consortium**. Accordingly, U.S. investigators may be listed as either Lead PI, Co-PI (Partner PI) or Senior Personnel on **only one proposal** for either a Type 1 or Type 2 project.

In accordance with NSF policy, proposals cannot list more than 4 Co-PI's (Partner-PI's) from U.S. institutions. Additional U.S. collaborators must be listed as Senior Personnel.

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In addition, funding opportunities for researchers from developing countries can be found through the NSF/USAID Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research ([PEER](#)¹) program. The next solicitation is expected to be announced in the October/November and follow a similar time-schedule.

FUNDING PROCEDURES

For U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, all proposals (pre- and full) will be submitted to the Program Office by the consortium's Lead PI in accordance with the Agency's or Country's procedures.

In accordance with NSF policy, proposals (pre- and full) that have U.S. Lead PI's must be submitted to the on-line Belmont Forum system by the Lead PI's office of sponsored research or equivalent. No proposals submitted directly to the Belmont on-line system by a U.S. Lead PI will be accepted; In addition, NO proposals submitted directly to FASTLANE will be accepted.

In accordance with NSF policy, a proposal cannot list more than 4 Co-PI's from U.S. institutions. Additional U.S. collaborators must be listed as Senior Personnel.

Once the review process is complete, the U.S. Lead PI will be contacted by the NSF point of contact with further instructions on how to upload the proposal information into FASTLANE. In addition, U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, will be contacted by NSF point of contact to upload proposal information into FASTLANE.

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