

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 organizations in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. 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 3 project meetings that will be held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international conference or event.

The total available budget for US investigators is approximately 1,100,000 USD (approximately 1,000,000 Euros). NSF anticipates that a total of 10-15 research consortia will be supported, pending the availability of funds. **The maximum total budget request for all US investigators in a single consortium must not exceed 70,000 USD including indirect costs.**

ELIGIBILITY

All institutions eligible to receive US federal funds through the National Science Foundation.

Each consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries. The project must include collaboration between natural and social sciences and must show clear links to end-users/stakeholders. Researchers from countries not represented by any of the partner-countries can participate in the research project at their own expense but do not count toward the 3-participating country minimum.

Consortium partners should identify a Consortium Lead Principal Investigator (CL) for each proposal for application, management and communication purposes. The CL is officially responsible for all communications with the Theme Program Office, including the submission Proposal. These communications must be in accordance with the CL's funding agency requirements.

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

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.

FUNDING PROCEDURES

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

In accordance with NSF policy, proposals that have U.S. Consortium Lead PI's must be submitted to the on-line Belmont Forum system by approval of the Consortium Lead PI's office of sponsored research or equivalent. No proposals submitted directly to the Belmont on-line system by a U.S. Consortium Lead PI will be accepted without this approval which may be in the form of an email to the National Contact Point from a representative of the Consortium Lead PI's office of sponsored research or equivalent. 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. Consortium 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 Consortium Lead PI, will be contacted by the NSF point of contact to upload proposal information into FASTLANE.

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