FAQ

Q: Can the matching funds from the applicant’s department or college be spent on categories not allowed in the RFP requirements?
A: No, all funds involved in the award must be spent according to the guidelines outlined in the current RFP.

Q. Since this is a 2-year grant, can my department/college contribute $12,500 in year 1 and $12,500 in year 2?
A. Yes.

Q. May the matching requirement be split between multiple departments/colleges?
A. Yes, as long as the total amount equals the required matching of $25,000. However, only 1 name will be listed as lead TAMU PI.

Q. Can the matching funds come from sources other than my department/college?
A. Yes. As long as the department/college are aware and agree. Please have a signed statement from the other source stating their contribution and include with your proposal submission.

Q. Can there be more than 1 lead PI from Texas A&M listed?
A. Only one name can be listed as the lead TAMU PI. Others can be listed as additional investigators.

Q. Do I need to add my Brazilian collaborator to the eProposal system?
A. No. However, you may list them as an “Additional Investigator.” Please be sure to note in your proposal the name and institutions for the lead Brazilian counterpart.

Q. Can I submit more than one proposal as the lead PI?
A. You may only serve as the lead PI on one proposal. You can be involved on other proposals as an additional investigator.
Q. I was awarded the last funding cycle (2014), am I eligible to apply?
A. No, you are precluded from receiving an award in two successive years.

Q. Who does “TAMU Department budget contact” refer to?
A. “TAMU Department budget contact,” is the center or department business person. If awarded the grant, funds will be transferred to the PIs home department to manage for the duration of the grant.

Q. Do I need to run my budget through SRS?
A. No. You will create and enter your own budget in the eProposal system.

Q: How do I complete the proposal since I am going out of town for a month?
A: Proposals are submitted and routed electronically using the online eProposal system. If you will be traveling, you will need an Internet connection or use a computer at your destination. You may also submit your proposal prior to the deadline.

Q: Does my proposal need to be submitted by the deadline, or does it have to be completed and routed for signatures by the deadline?
A: It is preferred to have the proposal routed for all signatures before the deadline, but not required.

Q: How long does the electronic routing take?
A: The electronic routing is very fast if the signers and/or alternate signers are available and have access to a computer linked to the Internet. It can be done within minutes. It is recommended that the Texas A&M PI contact the department and college to let them know that the proposal will be routed to their office for an approval signature. Once the proposal is submitted, the person designated to sign on behalf of the department will receive an automated email from the online application system letting them know that they have a proposal to review/approve. Once approved at the department level, the same thing occurs at the college level.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about the program or the proposal submission?
A: Monica Holder, International Programs Coordinator, Division of Research, at m-holder@tamu.edu, 979-847-9391.