



Questions and Answers June 9 through June 17

FY 2016-2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program

1. Under Priority Area 5, page 10 of the FOA, it states, "Organizations must have a certified fellowship-training program to be considered eligible." Can you please clarify the documentation requirements for this stipulation?

Each scientific, medical or health-related discipline has a professional national or international society or organization dedicated to improving the care, distribution of information, knowledge base, education, training, and professional standards of people in that discipline. The society/organization sets criteria for the training goals, curriculum, mentorship, etc. for the fellowship training program to be accredited and thus certified. Some fellowships are more "casual" or "unofficial" and not certified though the work of the fellow may be very important. These casual or unofficial fellowships are not eligible for this funding opportunity. The online application has a field where you may upload a copy of a certificate or letter of approval from the relevant accrediting body.

2. The FOA states that revised applications may be resubmitted (p. 20) but, "Applications must identify areas that have been revised from the initial submission." Since peer review summaries are not issued by the Department of Health for this program, an applicant would not know what the reviewer concerns were. Can reviewer scoring be requested for the purposes of improving a previous application?

Yes, applicants can request a review summary by sending an email to Research@flhealth.gov. To assist us in retrieving your information, please list the name of the Principal Investigator, the exact title of the research project proposal, and the year in which the application was submitted. The Department will provide mean scores and reviewer comments.

3. I was wondering whether a small business can be a collaborator on this grant and whether collaborators outside Florida (in case they bring a necessary expertise) can participate and to what extent.

A small business may be a collaborator on this grant, so long as grant funds are not used to cover any activities listed as Disallowed Costs on page 25 of the FOA.

Regarding collaborations with entities outside Florida, please review the following copied text from page 25 of the FOA.

Activities funded through this competition must occur in Florida. All work (effort) must occur and funds must be spent in Florida at the applicant organization and any collaborating entities. However, the Department may make exceptions if the service is essential and only provided outside the state, and if the amount is less than 10 percent of the requested amount.