



## Questions and Answers from May 31 through June 14

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**FY 2016-2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**  
James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (King)  
Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (Bankhead-Coley)

**1. We are interested in applying research funding from the state. We have done a preliminary study about “X”. Our further study would focus on “Y”. We would like to have your suggestion about the grant application---should we go smoking related funding or cancer related funding opportunity?**

**When is the deadline to submit the letter of intent? Where we can find the detailed statement of funding announcement?**

All applications submitted for this Funding Opportunity must respond to one of the research priorities listed in the FOA for either the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, or the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program. It is the applicant’s responsibility to choose the research priority that best fits the research outlined in their application.

The Letter of Intent must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 15, 2016.

A detailed statement of the Funding Opportunity Announcement can be found on the program website, or by following the link provided here:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/research/funding-opportunity.html>

**2. I am interested in submitting an application for the 2016-2017 cycle for the Bankhead-Coley grant. While our prospective study will be conducted solely in the state of Florida, one the co-investigators, whose expertise is crucial in the subject area, is located in North Carolina. Will this be permissible?**

Yes. The Principal Investigator must provide justification describing how the out of state work is related and essential to the project and why the service can only be provided outside of Florida. If awarded, the Department reserves the right to: 1) require further justification, 2) reject any disallowed costs, and 3) request new/revised budgets as it deems necessary.

**3. It is stated on your webpage that:**

- **Research with a focus on prevention and improved treatment or care delivery that contributes to reduction in deaths in lung cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, or melanoma.**

**My current research is focused on pancreatic cancer, does that mean I am not eligible to apply?**

If your application states that it is in response to a research priority area which lists specific types of cancer, then your application must state how it relates to one of the specific types of cancer listed in that research priority area.

**4. Would you be able to tell me what score a DOD grant should have in order to qualify for Bridge funding?**

From the section on Bridge Grants on page 10 of the FOA:

“To be eligible, applicants must have submitted a multi-year, investigator-initiated research application to a federal agency (such as an NIH R type). The applicant must have received a peer review summary statement indicating high scientific merit. For purposes of this competition, “high scientific merit” is a percentile ranking of 16th or better.”

**5. I am interested in the program but I have questions that I would like answered to ascertain if my research fits into any of the categories.**

Please see the answer to Question 1. All applications must fit one of the research priority areas as described in the Funding Opportunity Announcement. It is the applicant’s responsibility to determine which of the research priority areas best fits their proposed research project.

**6. I have very carefully read the FOA. I wonder if our research project is still classified in your research priorities. Our big project is [“X”]. We have done some animal studies. In the proposal, we will [perform “Y”]. Should we only focus on tobacco-related [“X”]?**

Please see the answers to Questions 1 and 5. All applicants are responsible for determining the focus of their proposal, and the research priority area that best fits their application.

**7. Can Research Infrastructure applications/awards include Multiple PIs (co PIs vs. co-Investigators)? And if the application includes multiple collaborating institutions, can there be a project PI from each institution?**

This funding opportunity allows for multiple PIs from different institutions. Although there may be multiple PIs, there can be only one Corresponding Principal investigator. Please see the section titled “Eligibility Requirements” found on page 14 of both the Bankhead-Coley, and the King FOAs for a more detailed description of the role of the Corresponding Principal Investigator.

**8. We would like to submit a LOI and application to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program on behalf of one of our Principal Investigators.**

**Although the online application is anticipated to open on August 1, 2016, we seek clarification on the allowed page or word lengths of each application component noted in Table 2 of your FOA?**

**Could you please advise us on how we can obtain this information?**

The page/word limits for each item in Table 2 are listed below. Please keep in mind, some of these items are optional. Refer to Table 2 in the FOA for more information on each of these components.

**General Project Information:** No page/word limits. This section consists of simple questions and answers.

**General Audience Abstract:** 500 words

**Scientific Abstract:** 300 words

**Health Impact:** 500 words

**Tobacco Relatedness:** 300 words

**Collaborator Information:** No page/word limits.

**Biographical Sketch:** Follows NIH format. Not to exceed 5 pages.

**Consultants:** No page/word limits.

**Research/Project Plan:** Specific Aims (300 words), Research Strategy (10,000 words), Facilities and Other Resources (500 words).

**Human Subjects:** No page/word limit. This is a downloadable form.

**Vertebrate Animals:** No page/word limit. This is a downloadable form.

**Recombinant DNA:** No page/word limit. This is a downloadable form.

**Survey Instruments:** No page/word limit. Simply upload any survey instruments used to conduct your research.

**Table, Image or Graph:** No page/word limit. Simply upload any tables, images, and graphs you wish include in your application.

**Budget Template:** No page/word limit. This is a simple downloadable template.

**Letters of Support:** No page/word limit.

**Federal Agency Peer Review Summary Statement:** No page/word limit.

**Reportable Financial Interests:** No page/word limits. This is a simple downloadable form.

**9. I would like to submit a LOI and application to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. I would like to solicit your response whether my proposal will fit the research priority of your program.**

Please see the answers to Questions 1, 5, and 6. All applicants are responsible for determining the focus of their proposal, and the research priority area that best fits their application.

**10. I am planning to apply for Discovery Science (James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program). I would like to know page limitations of research plan.**

Please see the answer to question 8.

**11. I received an NIR award in 2008 from the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. Am I eligible for this FOA?**

Yes. Please see pages 14 and 17 in the James and Esther King FOA for more information on Eligible Applicants, and Duplicate Applications and Overlap Limits respectively.

**12. I have a question about the Bankhead Coley cancer program- it says that there should be only one contact PI on the project, so I just want to make sure the multiple PI constellation is not allowed. Is that correct?**

Multiple collaborating PIs are allowed. However, there can only be one Corresponding Principal Investigator.

**13. I have one more question about BC program. Is the following constellation acceptable for BC program- academic PI as applicant and a small business as applicant organization.**

No. The PI (Corresponding Principal Investigator) must be a full-time faculty member at the lead institution. Small businesses cannot be the lead institution.

**14. If we submitted a previous version of this proposal to JEK last year, are we able to respond to the previous review on a separate response to reviewers page?**

There is an area in the online application where applicants are asked to upload a summary of the areas that have been revised since the initial submission.

**15. When does the portal open up for FY16-17 LOI?**

The portal for both the Bankhead-Coley and the King LOIs opened on 6/6/2016.