



## Answers to Questions 2

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**FY 2015-2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**  
James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (King)  
Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (Bankhead-Coley)

1. Does the exception for out-of-state work include foreign entities? That is, can a small part of the budget (<10%) be used for work provided by a collaborator in South Korea (if it is essential and not provided in Florida)?

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.
2. Can you please clarify, for the bridge grant mechanism, will there be a place to upload files for the qualifying federal grant application research plan and for the summary statement? Should the bridge grant specific aims and research plan be the same as for the qualifying federal proposal of longer duration, or a separate and specific plan to be accomplished within the 6-month bridge grant duration?

Applicants who are applying for a bridge grant are only required to upload their Federal Agency Peer Review Summary Statement. Applications should describe in the Research/Project Plan section, the specific research that will be performed as a result of a 6 month Bridge Grant award, including its relationship to the aims and experiments included in the Qualifying Federal Proposal.
3. If the lead institution has a collaboration with another institution then can only one of them could charge indirect costs and not both on the proposal?

Yes, as long as the indirect costs are limited to 15 percent of the total amount of direct costs requested.
4. The FOA lists summary statement from previous submissions as one of the application components. Could you please let me know if this also applies to Discovery Science mechanism?

For this FOA, a peer review summary statement indicating high scientific merit is only required for Bridge grant applications and not required for Discovery Science grant applications.
5. I have a project focused on improving drug treatment of metastatic brain tumors and I am wondering if this topic is eligible for this program. While brain cancers are not mentioned in the 7 research priorities (lung cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon

cancer, and melanoma), lung, breast and melanoma cancers can spread to brain through metastasis.

Grant applications must be responsive to one of the research priorities listed in this Funding Opportunity Announcement. If the researcher selects a priority which lists specific cancers, the application must be responsive to one of the cancers listed (lung cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, and melanoma). If the application involves a different cancer than the specified cancers listed, the application must include justification as to how and why the proposal is linked to a specific cancer listed.

6. Does the entire federal grant application package for a bridge grant application in addition to summary statement need to be submitted? If so, is the "Research/Project Plan" section still required?

See answer to question 2.

7. The Application Components on page 19 of the announcement indicates that "Survey Instruments" must be uploaded. My project will use perhaps 20 standard neuropsychological tests. To upload them would require that several of them be scanned, which would make for a large file. Since these tests are widely used and not created for this project, is it necessary to upload these documents?

Survey instruments are required, if applicable. Peer reviewers evaluate only the materials in the application, and do not consider other sources of information.

8. For the Discovery Science grant mechanism, the maximum amount for support is \$1.5 million (direct and indirect costs) for a maximum of 3 years, can the maximum amount of support be divided as needed by the project? For example; for a 2 year proposal, \$1 million for year 1 and \$500,000 for year 2.

Yes. The budget must explain the planned spending. If awarded, the Department will review and approve/deny the budget prior to the grant starting. 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.

9. How does one go about seeking to get approval for spending the less than 10% of the requested budget that may be allowed on out of state resources that cannot be found in the state of Florida? Does one simply apply for the grant and state in the budget that these are necessary out of state requested expenses, and then hope that this is later approved?

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.