

Third Frontier Research Incentive - Spinal Cord - Questions & Answers

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Are the Max Requests per year or over both years? For example is the 500k Max Request for the Clinical/Translational Research Grant a maximum of 250k per year for a total of 500k or a maximum of 500k per year for a total of 1M?

Award amounts are per fiscal year. So there is the potential to receive \$500,000 per fiscal year.

Is the \$125,000 award per year or per *biennium*?

The \$125,000 would be per fiscal year. Submitted proposals can request \$125,000 for FY20 and \$125,000 for FY21.

The 4-page biosketch is listed as being part of the 10-page project narrative. Are 4 page biosketches separate with a description of the team in the project narrative or do the 4 page biosketches actually count towards the 10 page project narrative (if there's a 4 page biosketch, then the rest of the narrative is only 6 pages long)?

The bio sketch does not count toward the 10-page narrative.

Under the project narratives section there are 7 separate criteria listed that need to be addressed (rationale, partnerships and collaborations, support of Ohio industry, sustainability, project plan, biographical sketch, and project evaluation). Does all of this have to fit within the 10 page limit? It seems impossible to get all of this extra stuff discussed in addition to a description of the research itself all within 10 pages. Can you help clarify?

Yes, all of the criteria that needs to be addressed in the project narrative must fit within the page limit; however the biographical sketch does not count toward the 10-page narrative.

Is the References/Literature Cited section part of the 10-page Project Narrative? If the References are to be a separate section of the proposal, is there a page limit?

References are not part of the ten page narrative. There was not a page limit set for references. References should be brief and not used to expand the project narrative.

Can you clarify the eligibility requirements in Section IV of the Spinal Cord Injury RFP? Specifically, I may submit a proposal with Cleveland State as the lead institution. Clearly CSU is eligible. I also have

collaborators at Rice University and NASA Johnson Space Center (both in Houston, TX). In what capacity, if any, can these out of state collaborators participate in a Third Frontier funded project with CSU as the lead organization? Is there a dollar amount or effort limit for supporting out of state institutions?

Out of State collaborators are allowed with the following parameters. Funds cannot be used to develop, support or enhance, products, services, business or industry in another state. Any IP developed as a result of the research funded through this program cannot be owned by an out-of-state collaborator or contributor.

In the instructions for the spinal cord injury Third Frontier proposals, there is no guidance for margin size. NIH allows margins to be 0.5in on all sides, which allows more room than that usual 1.0in. Do you know if the narrow 0.5in margins are OK for these proposals?

The narrower 0.5 inch margins are acceptable for proposal submission.

The RFP doesn't address a base salary cap, so please confirm – should we prepare the budgets using actual salary rates?

Yes, use actual salary rates in your budget preparation.

Could you tell me if the 8% indirect costs are given **in addition** to the MAX request for funding for the Spinal cord injury incentive or is the 8% indirect + direct costs taken together equal to and no greater than the MAX?

The 8% taken together is equal to and no greater than the MAX.

Please let us know if Graduate Student costs are allowable under the Spinal Cord RFP (stipend, fringe benefits and tuition)?

Yes graduate student cost are allowed.

We are working on two proposals for the Third Frontier Research Incentive – Spinal Cord RFP. I was wondering if the deadline for proposals will be extended due to the recent changes being brought about by COVID 19?

The deadline for the Spinal Cord RFP has not been extended.