

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Regarding
DE-FOA-0001699 and LA 17-1699
“U.S.-Japan Science and Technology Cooperation Program in High Energy Physics”**

Q1. The solicitation states that “R&D devoted to eventual cost reduction of a potential International Linear Collider (ILC)” will not be supported. Does that mean that ILC R&D activities in general will not be supported?

A1: No. Proposals for support of ILC R&D activities other than those specified above are welcome and will be considered for funding. As stated in the solicitation, support for ILC cost-reduction R&D will be provided through mechanisms outside this FOA.

Q2. The FOA states that one limitation on support is that no scientific staff is to be supported with award funds. How would a graduate student, postdoctoral scholar or Fellow be categorized?

A2: “Scientific staff” includes faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students. This Program does not support salaries for any of these. However, travel by scientific staff in the execution of Program activities is supported.

Q3: The list of supported activities (FOA, p.1) includes “high energy physics experiments.” Does this include ATLAS, CMS and other experiments at CERN?

A3: Yes, with the following conditions: The effort should be for R&D activities that involve strong bilateral collaboration between U.S. and Japanese investigators. Just having Japanese collaborators within a larger multi-national R&D effort will likely not review well.

Q4: May subcontracts/subawards be made by one collaborating institution to another? For example, if the U.S. part of a bilateral collaboration consists of a DOE lab and a number of universities, can the DOE lab issue subcontracts to a subset of the collaborating universities? Would this mean that the subcontracted universities do not submit proposals, while the other universities do?

A4: Yes. The following restrictions apply, however:

1. U.S. universities or other research institutions may not issue subcontracts/subawards to national laboratories;
2. All subcontracts/subawards (other than for commercially-available services) should be from the Lead Institution.

Note that collaborative proposals may offer a more advantageous means of having multiple institutions work together: In a collaborative arrangement, the lead institution does not collect indirect costs on any portion of the work being done by other institutions.

Q5: Are Biographical Sketches required in proposals to DOE for Japanese collaborators who are requesting support from KEK and not DOE?

A5: No. These are required only for collaborators who are submitting proposals to DOE in response to this FOA.

Q6: Because January 16 is a national holiday, can I postpone submitting my proposal until January 17?

A6: No. The due date is January 15, 11:00pm Eastern. If your grants administration offices are unable to submit your proposal over the weekend, they will need to submit before the end of that work week, i.e., by Friday, January 13.

One of the few acceptable reasons for post-deadline acceptance of a proposal is if a government site for proposal submission is inoperative. Should you experience this during a submission attempt, please call Michael Salamon at 202-422-3447 at any time, day or night.