

Questions and Answers to RFA #0806061218
Spinal Cord Injury Research Board and the New York State Department of Health

CART (Collaborations to Accelerate Research Translation) Awards
IDEA (Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities) Awards
Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards
Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards
Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Awards

NOTE: These questions & answers supersede any previously received written or verbal responses.

Number of Awards

Q1. How many applications will be funded in each category in this RFA?

A1. Funding is available to support approximately two CART, four IDEA, six Postdoctoral Fellowship, one Mentored Research Scientist Development, and one Mentored Clinical Scientist Development awards (see Section V.C. of the RFA).

Letter of Intent

Q2. Do I need to send in any additional information with the Letter of Intent (LOI) form, such as title, abstract, or brief description of the planned research?

A2. No. Please do not submit any additional information with the Letter of Intent (see Section IV.C. of the RFA).

Q3. For the Postdoctoral Fellowship funding mechanism, who is considered the Principal Investigator (PI) – the Fellow or the Mentor?

A3. The Fellow is considered the PI. The Mentor is considered a collaborator (see Section III.A.3. of the RFA).

Q4. Does the LOI require original signatures?

A4. The RFA did not specifically address this; however, we prefer to have original signatures (see Section IV.C. of the RFA.)

Q5. I submitted my Letter of Intent before leaving the country and have now decided that I would like to add another application to the number indicated on the form. Can you take care of that for me while I'm overseas?

A5. No. We are unable to modify letters of intent. Unless you can get another letter to at the address listed in Section IV.E. of the RFA before the deadline of April 30, we will only be able to accept one application from you.

Q6. Can I fax or e-mail my Letter of Intent?

A6. No. The RFA requires that these be mailed (see Section IV.C. of the RFA).

Application

Q7. How much overlap is allowed?

A7. Overlap of scientific aims and/or budgets between this application and other applications is not permitted (see Section V.C. of the RFA). Overlap that cannot be avoided at the time of application due to other pending awards must be eliminated at time of award.