

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS **AND MODIFICATIONS** TO RFA 0812160900

PETER T. ROWLEY BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROJECTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

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

Letter of Intent

- Q1. Do I need to send in any additional information with the Letter of Intent form, such as title, abstract, or brief description of the planned research?
- A1. No. Please do not submit any additional forms or information with the Letter of Intent (LOI).
- Q2. Two of us from the same lab will be submitting two separate applications. Do we each need to submit a separate letter of intent for the Peter J. Rowley Breast Cancer Research Project? Or do we submit one letter of intent under one name for both applications?
- A2. The Principal Investigators for each application must submit separate Letters of Intent.
- Q3. Can the Letter of Intent form be submitted electronically or faxed?
- A3. No, the Letter of Intent must be mailed, as specified in the RFA in Section IV.C. The address can be found in Section IV.E.
- Q4. Is the April 22, 2009 2:00 p.m. deadline flexible?
- A4. No, the deadline is firm.
- Q5. Who signs the LOI?
- A5. The Principal Investigator and the applicant institution's grant official must both sign the LOI. As stated in Section IV.C. of the RFA, letters that do not have both signatures will be disqualified.

Letters of Intent that do not have both signatures will be disqualified and will not receive an application number that is required for application submission.

Q6. Can collaborators be added and/or subtracted to the project after the LOI is submitted?

A6. Yes. This list is used primarily to begin to identify peer reviewers and conflicts of interest, so the more comprehensive your list of collaborators, the better.

Application Content and Eligibility

Q7. Can a Principal Investigator (PI) and a Postdoctoral Fellow in the PI's lab submit applications addressing the same research project?

A7. No, separate applications cannot be submitted for the same research project. If the PI is submitting an application under the Rowley Breast Cancer Research Projects funding mechanism, the Postdoctoral Fellow can be named as key staff in that application. See also – Modification #1, below.

Q8. Can a Postdoctoral Fellow apply as a junior researcher?

A. Yes, provided the fellow meets all other eligibility criteria and has access to the resources necessary to carry out the research.

Q9. I am a postdoc who plans to submit a Rowley Breast Cancer Research Project application (not a postdoctoral fellowship application). Should my mentor be listed as a collaborator or a co-PI on my application?

A9. A mentor can be listed as either a collaborator or a co-PI. Discuss this with your mentor to determine the best way to proceed.

Q10. Can non-US citizens apply?

A10. Yes. As stated in the RFA, Section II, PIs who are employed by the applicant institution and have the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed Work Plan are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other criteria.

Q11. I received my PhD in Aug 2007, and will have finished two years of postdoctoral fellowship under my mentor by the time the application is submitted. Am I eligible to apply for the postdoctoral fellowship?

A11. No, if you will have more than two years of training under your current supervisor or more than 3 years of total fellowship experience by June 2010, you will not be eligible. Section III.B.in the RFA states: "The Postdoctoral Fellow candidate will have earned a doctoral-level degree by the award start date and may have no more than two years of prior postdoctoral training under the current sponsor's supervision by the expected start date of the award. Candidates with more than three years

of total fellowship experience by the expected start date of the award will not be considered."

Q12. Can a PI submit more than one application for the Peter T Rowley Breast Cancer research project?

A12. Yes, a PI may apply for one or more Rowley Breast Cancer research projects. Also see #7. Section V.A. of the RFA states "Multiple funding mechanisms may be applied for, provided they are separate and distinct; each should be a separate application."

MODIFICATION TO THE RFA

1. Section V.C., Review Criteria, is modified to add the following criterion for evaluation of the Research Plan to both the Rowley award and the Postdoctoral Fellowship award.
 - o The Work Plan is responsive to this single funding mechanism.