

Berkeley Research Development Office & Limited Submissions

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About BRDO

- BRDO was created to:
 - Facilitate effective development of large/complex proposals
 - Decrease faculty burden in applying for funding
 - Broadly, help increase research funding to campus
- In practice that translates to:
 - PI services: 1:1 proposal consultations, extensive editing
 - Other resources: written guides, training, funding announcements
 - Strategic roles: advice on funding strategy, guiding initiatives
- Seven staff (sometimes), with diverse training and experience

Hands-on Proposal Services

- We are an optional consultant/editor to support the PI.
- Services vary but can include:
 - Advising and helping organize the team
 - Interpreting solicitation, reviewer comments on past proposals
 - Assisting in framing, editing, narrative flow, and polish
 - Helping conceptualize non-research aspects of the proposal
 - Coordinating with other offices and partner institutions
- We avoid duplicating services of RAs and other offices.
- About 90% of the proposals we support are federal.
- Our services come at no cost to the PI.

When and How to Contact BRDO

- Direct faculty to us regarding funding strategy or funding opportunities.
- For proposal support, having them contact us earlier is best, to ensure that we are available AND so we can get up to speed and start helping sooner.
- While large and complex proposals are our priority, we have no formal dollar cutoff—it can't hurt to ask for help.

Contact us at: brdo@berkeley.edu

BRDO website: brdo.berkeley.edu

Limited Submissions

- A limited submission is a funding opportunity in which the sponsor places a limit on the number of proposals that an institution may submit.
 - It is important to keep this in mind: if an institution exceeds the stated limit, all submissions from that institution may be rejected.
- Can include a limit per School/College/Department (but doesn't include limits per PI).
- Requires institutional coordination well before proposals are due to the sponsor.

Example: NSF Scalable Nanomanufacturing (SNM) NSF 16-513

Eligibility Information

Who May Submit Proposals:

Proposals may only be submitted by the following:

- Universities and Colleges - Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in, the US acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions.

Who May Serve as PI:

Principal Investigators must be at the faculty level or equivalent.

Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization: 1

An academic institution -- a university, or a campus in a multi-campus university -- may submit no more than one (1) proposal on which it is the lead organization in response to this solicitation. Potential PIs are advised to contact their institutional office of research regarding processes used to select proposals for submission. The same organization may be a collaborative partner in any number of other multi-organization group proposals in which it is not the lead. A proposal involving more than one organization must be submitted as a single proposal in which a single award is requested, with the managing principal investigator from the lead organization and subawards administered by the lead organization to any other participating organizations.

Limit on Number of Proposals per PI or Co-PI:

There are no restrictions or limits.

Campus Process Overview



Announcement

- Campus announcements are often but not always sent by CALmessages.
- Most are listed on SPO website:
<http://www.spo.berkeley.edu/fund/limited.html>.
(Note: We may soon be revising where these listings reside and how they appear.)

If you identify a limited submission funding opportunity of interest that is not on the list, please contact ltsubs@berkeley.edu.

FAQs

Is the funding opportunity limited?

- Review the solicitation for limit language (often in the eligibility section).
- Try consulting the list of limited submission campus announcements on SPO's site:
<http://www.spo.berkeley.edu/fund/limited.html>
- If you aren't sure if an opportunity is limited, please reach out to ltsubs@berkeley.edu.

FAQs

I've identified a limited submission funding opportunity of interest; what is the campus process?

- Consult the list of limited submission campus announcements on SPO's site:
<http://www.spo.berkeley.edu/fund/limited.html>
- If you don't see the opportunity listed, please reach out to ltsubs@berkeley.edu.

FAQs

Was my PI selected to submit to the sponsor for a specific limited submission opportunity?

- VCRO sends decision notification email to each PI.
- VCRO sends approval notification email to SPO/IAO and the PI's Region.
- VCRO also shares a limited submission approval spreadsheet with SPO and will update this following each approval notification.
- If you are not sure if your PI has been selected, please reach out to ltsubs@berkeley.edu.

Questions? (...if there is time)

- If we don't have enough time to get to your question today or if you have questions later, please feel free to reach out to us:
 - BRDO: brdo@berkeley.edu
 - Limited Submissions: ltsubs@berkeley.edu