

Applications from Universities and Other Research Institutions for Fusion Energy Sciences (FES) Program Areas under the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program

This guidance applies to applications submitted only to the FY 2025 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program, i.e., the “Annual” or “Open” Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) ([link](#)). FES program area topical descriptions and technical contacts are described in the FOA document.

Initial contact: Prior to submission of an application for a new, renewal, or supplemental to the above FOA, potential applicants should contact the FES program manager. Following the initial contact, the PM may request the submission of an initial pre-application. Program Managers with the areas of responsibilities most closely matching the topic of your proposed research can be found in the FES [organization chart](#) and the FOA document. Program Managers will provide detailed guidance concerning their respective topics.

Pre-application: Following discussions with a FES program manager, a pre-application may be requested by FES and can be submitted to the above FOA for detailed review and/or determination of responsiveness to the priorities of a specific FES program area. After this determination is completed, a subsequent application may be either encouraged or discouraged. Please note that pre-applications are submitted through the DOE SC Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) website in response to the above Solicitation under the appropriate FES program area. Please follow pre-application preparation and submission instructions and guidance. A rough, order of magnitude cost estimate and timeline can be provided. If a multi-institutional team is submitting collaborative applications, only the lead institution may submit a pre-application. If the proposed scope spans multiple topics, the pre-application should be submitted to the topic that covers a majority of the scope.

Timing of application submissions and award: There are no submission deadlines under the above Solicitation. However, if a potential funding recommendation is to be aligned with the current fiscal year, a pre-application, if requested by the FES program manager, is suggested to be submitted as soon as possible to allow the maximal amount of time for planning, review, and selections.

Typical term of support: Award durations (“project periods”) may vary between one and five years, with each budget period typically lasting twelve months.