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 - Please contact the point of contact that follows each subtopic in the document listed above for further clarification.
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**DOE SBIR/STTR
Phase I Release 1 Topics Webinar**

**Topics associated with the
FY 2025 Phase I Release 1
Funding Opportunity Announcement**

Topics 12-22

DOE SBIR/STTR Programs Office

July 24, 2024

TODAY'S AGENDA

Topics Introduction	DOE SBIR/STTR Programs Office
Topics 12 – 16	Office of Biological and Environmental Research
Topics 17 – 22	Office of Fusion Energy Sciences



FY 2025 Phase I Schedule

	Release 1	Release 2
Topics Issued	Monday, July 8, 2024	Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Webinar(s)	Week of July 22, 2024	Week of November 18, 2024
FOA Issued	Monday, August 5, 2024	Monday, December 16, 2024
Webinar(s)	Thursday, August 8, 2024 (Presentation) Friday, August 9, 2024 (Q&A)	Thursday, December 19, 2024 (Presentation) Friday, December 20, 2024 (Q&A)
Letters of Intent (LOI) Due	Tuesday, August 27, 2024	Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Non-responsive LOI Feedback Provided	Tuesday, September 16, 2024	Monday, January 27, 2025
Applications Due	Tuesday, October 8, 2024	Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Award Notification	Monday, January 6, 2025	Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Phase I Funding Opportunity Announcements

Participating DOE Programs (FY 2025)

Phase I Release 1

- Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research
- Office of Basic Energy Sciences
- Office of Biological and Environmental Research
- Office of Fusion Energy Sciences
- Office of High Energy Physics
- Office of Nuclear Physics

Phase I Release 2

- Office of Cyber Security, Energy Security, and Emergency Response
- Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Office of Electricity
- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management
- Office of Nuclear Energy



Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Webinar

- FY25 Phase I Release 1 FOA will be issued on **August 5th**
- Join our Mailing List – this field is on every DOE SBIR/STTR web page
 - Following the issuance of the FOA, look for an email with a link to the FOA
- FOA Webinar on **August 8th** and Q&A Webinar for this **August 9th**
 - Overview of the FY 2025 DOE SBIR/STTR Programs
 - Following the issuance of the FOA, look for an email announcing this webinar



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Reminder - Phase 0 Application Assistance Program



- Phase 0 application assistance program is available for first-time DOE SBIR/STTR applicants
- Participants receive an individual coach who is an expert in our application process.
- Program opens when Topics are released (Open now!)
- Visit <http://www.dawnbreaker.com/doephase0/> to determine your eligibility and apply to Phase 0



Example Topic

- Topic & Subtopic
 - You must specify the same topic and subtopic in your Letter of Intent and grant application
- Topic Header
 - Lists the maximum award amounts for Phase I & Phase II and the types of application accepted (SBIR and/or STTR)
- Program Manager
 - Each subtopic lists the responsible DOE program manager
- “Other” Subtopic
- References

12. INSTRUMENTATION FOR ADVANCED CHEMICAL IMAGING

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000	Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000
Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES	Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

The Department of Energy seeks to advance chemical imaging technologies that facilitate fundamental research to understand, predict, and ultimately control matter and energy at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels. The Department is particularly interested in forefront advances in imaging techniques that combine molecular-scale spatial resolution and ultrafast temporal resolution to explore energy flow, molecular dynamics, breakage, or formation of chemical bonds, or conformational changes in nanoscale systems.

Grant applications are sought in the following subtopics:

- a. **High Spatial Resolution Ultrafast Spectroscopy**
Chemical information associated with molecular-scale processes is often available from optical spectroscopies involving interactions with electromagnetic radiation ranging from the infrared spectrum to x-rays. Ultrafast laser technologies can provide temporally resolved chemical information via optical spectroscopy or laser-assisted mass sampling techniques. These approaches provide time resolution ranging from the breakage or formation of chemical bonds to conformational changes in nanoscale systems but generally lack the simultaneous spatial resolution required to analyze individual molecules. Grant applications are sought that make significant advancements in spatial resolution towards the molecular scale for ultrafast spectroscopic imaging instrumentation available to the research scientist. The nature of the advancement may span a range of approaches including sub-diffraction limit illumination or detection, selective sampling, and coherent or holographic signal analysis.

Questions – Contact: James Rustad, James.Rustad@Science.doe.gov

- b. **Time-Resolved Chemical Information from Hybrid Probe Microscopies**
Probe microscopy instruments (including AFM and STM) have been developed that offer spatial resolution of molecules and even chemical bonds. While probe-based measurements alone do not typically offer the desired chemical information on molecular timescales, methods that take advantage of electromagnetic interactions or sampling with probe tips have been demonstrated. Grant applications are sought that would make available to scientists new hybrid probe instrumentation with significant advancements in chemical and temporal resolution towards that required for molecular scale chemical interactions. The nature of the advancement may span a range of approaches and probe techniques, from tip-enhanced or plasmonic enhancement of electromagnetic spectroscopies to probe-induced sample interactions that localize spectroscopic methods to the molecular scale.

Questions – Contact: James Rustad, James.Rustad@Science.doe.gov

- c. **Other**
In addition to the specific subtopics listed above, the Department invites grant applications in other areas that fall within the scope of the topic description above.

Questions – Contact: James Rustad, James.Rustad@Science.doe.gov

References:

1. U.S. Department of Energy, 2006, Office of Science Notice DE-FG01-05ER05-30, Basic Research for Chemical Imaging, BES Chemical Imaging Research Solicitation. (<http://science.energy.gov/~media/grants/pdf/foas/2005/DE-FG01-05ER05-30.pdf>).
2. National Research Council, 2006, Visualizing Chemistry, The Progress and Promise of Advanced Chemical Imaging, National Academies Press. (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11663).



Topic C59-12: ATMOSPHERIC MEASUREMENT TECHNOLOGY

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$250,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Coarse Mode Aerosol Instruments
- b. Biological Aerosol Instruments
- c. Autonomous Unattended Atmospheric Measurements from Marine Platforms
- d. Other

Questions: Subtopics a & b – Jeff Stehr Jeff.Stehr@science.doe.gov

Subtopics c – Sally McFarlane, Sally.McFarlane@science.doe.gov

Subtopics d – Sally McFarlane, Sally.McFarlane@science.doe.gov or
Jeff Stehr, Jeff.Stehr@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-13: COMPLEX DATA: ADVANCED DATA ANALYTIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR SYSTEMS BIOLOGY AND BIOENERGY

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$250,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Complex Data: Advanced Data Analytic Technologies for Systems Biology and Bioenergy
- b. Other

Questions: Ramana Madupu, Ramana.Madupu@science.doe.gov or
Resham Kulkarni Resham.Kulkarni@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-14: ENABLING TOOLS FOR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OR MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL AND BIOGEOCHEMICAL INTERACTIONS WITHIN OR AMONG MICROBES, PLANTS, MINERALS, SOILS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$250,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Tools or Instruments for Structural or Morphological Characterization of Biological Systems Ranging from Atomic to Multi-Cellular Scales
- b. Other

Questions: Amy Swain, Amy.Swain@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-15: BIOIMAGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$250,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Automated Bioimaging Devices for Structural and Functional Characterization of Plant and Microbial Communities
- b. Quantum Enabled Bioimaging and Sensing Approaches for Bioenergy
- c. Other

Questions: Paul Sammak, Paul.Sammak@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-16: DELIVERY TECHNOLOGIES FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING BIOENERGY CROPS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$250,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,600,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Improved Delivery Technologies
- b. Other

Questions: Kari Perez, Kari.Perez@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-17: FUSION MATERIALS AND INTERNAL COMPONENTS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Precision Engineering Using Advanced or Additive Manufacturing.
- b. Other

Questions: John Echols, john.echols@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-18: SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNETS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Radiation-Resistant Insulators
- b. Quench Detection Technologies
- c. Other

Questions: Subtopic a – John Echols, john.echols@science.doe.gov

Subtopic b – Curt Bolton: curt.bolton@science.doe.gov

Subtopic c – Josh King, josh.king@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-19: FUSION NUCLEAR SCIENCE

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Fusion Fuel Cycle
- b. Other

Questions: Guinevere Shaw, guinevere.shaw@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-20: LOW TEMPERATURE PLASMAS FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. LTP Science and Technology for Biomedical Applications
- b. Other

Questions: Nirmol Podder, Nirmol.Podder@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-21: PLASMA CONTROL FOR FUSION POWER PLANTS

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Autonomous Plasma Control Systems
- b. Other

Questions: Matthew Lanctot, matthew.lanctot@science.doe.gov

Topic C59-22: CROSS-CUTTING /ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES

Maximum Phase I Award Amount: \$200,000

Maximum Phase II Award Amount: \$1,100,000

Accepting SBIR Phase I Applications: YES

Accepting STTR Phase I Applications: YES

- a. Power Electronics/Gyrotrons/Heating
- b. High Performance Computing
- c. Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning
- d. Vacuum Pumps
- e. Other

Questions: Subtopic a & e – Colleen Nehl, colleen.nehl@science.doe.gov

Subtopic b & c – Michael Halfmoon, michael.halfmoon@science.doe.gov

Subtopic d – Guinevere Shaw, guinevere.shaw@science.doe.gov

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