

FMMJUA RFA
2014-01
Questions and Answers

	Question	Answer
1.	<p>Your RFA says: “Each eligible agency or institution may submit more than one application in response to this RFA. Separate colleges within a single university are each considered an agency or institution. For example, the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing from the same university can both submit an application.”</p> <p>Can the College of Medicine or the College of Nursing within the University of Florida EACH submit more than one application? In other words, do we need to coordinate an internal selection processes within our colleges to ensure that only one application goes forward from each?</p>	<p>This section of the RFA has been amended for clarification. The provision now reads:</p> <p>Each eligible agency or institution may submit more than one application in response to this RFA. Separate colleges within a single university are each considered an agency or institution. For example, the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing from the same university can both submit an application. <u>In addition, separate colleges with separate campuses will also be considered an agency or institution. For example, College of Nursing in Jacksonville and the College of Nursing in Gainesville of the same university can both submit an application.</u></p>
2.	Do you want the full justification of the “pain grant” all over or could we focus this RFA on the new portion or the “extension.”	All applications should include all information about the project. All applications will be evaluated based on the application and evaluation in this RFA and not on previous applications or existing projects.
3.	Would the reviewers be familiar with our current grant or have access to our current grant?	Applicants should assume that reviewers are not familiar with an applicant’s prior or current grants.
4.	Can we use the same references from the just awarded grant or do you need new ones?	The same people from previous grant applications may complete the reference form, but the reference form needs to be completed for this specific RFA.
5.	We would like to confirm that no signed MOUs are required for this grant.	See section 1.8 of the RFA. An applicant who is not a health care provider must provide <u>either</u> a signed MOU with a provider organization <u>or</u> a signed letter of intent by the provider organization specifying their commitment to the proposed project with the application. An applicant who is selected for award

		<u>WILL</u> be required to submit a signed MOU prior to receiving any grant funds.
6.	With respect to continuing a current project, is there a modification to the evaluation process? In other words, are the criteria listed under section 4.2 to be applied universally to initial and repeat applicants?	All criteria will be applied to all applicants in the same manner.
7.	Is there any problem with the start date being 2016 in the event a project is approved for funding continuation?	There is no problem with a start date being in 2016 as long as it is clearly explained why in the application.
8.	Any negative connotation to applying for continuation of a project in light of our omission to indicate that we may need additional time on our initial application?	The FMMJUA will evaluate all applications based on the information in the current application. The FMMJUA will not consider any information submitted in a prior application.
9.	Are the oral presentations listed under section 1.9 by invitation only?	Yes. The oral presentations are by invitation only. However, the presentations are public meetings so any person may attend.
10.	Can applicants call-in to the public meeting of the evaluation team? And, if so, will they have an opportunity to address questions and/or issues posed by the evaluators? If so, will that occur at that time, subsequently during the public meeting of the RFA committee, or some other time?	Any person may call in to the public meeting of the evaluation team. A recording of the meeting will also be available after the meeting by request. Members of the public will not have the opportunity to speak at this meeting. Applicants who are invited to make oral presentations may address the issues posed by evaluators at that time. Other members of the public will not be permitted to speak at these presentations. Members of the public will be permitted to comment at the public meeting of the FMMJUA Board on April 22, 2015. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person at this meeting. An entity is only allowed to have one authorized representative address the Board on a particular issue. See section 4.3 of the RFA.
11.	Thank you for the open question and answer period this afternoon. I did ask a question in regards to having more than one PI for a grant == e.g. a PI and co-PI.	The FMMJUA is interpreting this question as asking whether it is permissible to have more than one principal investigator for a grant award. Yes, an applicant may have multiple principal investigators. If there is more than one principal investigator, then each

		person being submitted as a principal investigator must meet all criteria and submit all requested information for each individual.
12.	To make sure that we have this question posed, we had asked if the proposal could have two PIs or Co-PIs – one from the hospital/organization; the other from the partner university. Or whether only one PI, with co-investigators was allowed.	See answer to question 11. However, pursuant to section 1.6 of the RFA, the principal investigator must be affiliated with the applicant.
13.	We have a long-standing partnership doing research between the college of nursing and hospital system with grant funding and are well positioned to conduct the project together. Since funding has only been awarded to universities, we were concerned whether or not the funding would be considered for the hospital as primary and university as supportive partner.	The FMMJUA does not have a preference whether a university or a hospital is the primary entity.
14.	<p>For an application to extend our current grant:</p> <p>A. Do you require a full new proposal or would this RFA focus on the new portion or the “extension”?</p> <p>B. Would reviewers be familiar with our current grant or have access to the previous grant application?</p> <p>C. Can we use the same references from our recently awarded grant or do you need new ones?</p>	<p>A. This RFA requires a full new proposal from all applicants.</p> <p>B. See answer to question 3.</p> <p>C. See answer to question 4.</p>
15.	Our understanding is that Appendix C (References) materials are part of the 25 page body limit? Is that correct?	That is correct.
16.	Is it allowable to send a USB thumb drive instead of a CD along with copies of the grant when submitting the final grant application?	Yes. Section 3.2 of the RFA has been amended to allow for the electronic submission to be on a USB flash drive.