

P30/U54 Faculty Initiative FAQs

- 1. May we only submit one application for one new faculty member?**
 - a. One application per recruit and no more than two applications per P30 or U54
- 2. Can you clarify the term “newly hired” in the funding opportunity under our CCSG for supplemental funds to support newly-hired/promoted faculty?**
 - a. Newly hired, as in not yet started in the tenure track position under consideration prior to receipt of the award.
- 3. Dr. Smith was recruited to the Cancer Center as an Associate Professor in the Oncology Department last week, and has been spending about half of her time in the clinic. With this award, she would be able to devote 75% of her time to research. Is she eligible?**
 - a. Faculty already in tenure-track positions are not eligible for this award. The recruit must be hired into a new independent tenure track (or equivalent) research position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, in keeping with the intent of the Recovery Act provisions.
- 4. We are planning on submitting an Administrative Supplement Award for Recruitment of New Faculty. One candidate is an outstanding non-tenure track “instructor” in the Oncology Department who will be promoted to Assistant Professor in the tenure track. Is this person eligible?**
 - a. Yes, as they will be new to the tenure-track position.
- 5. Does the biosketch for key personnel need to be limited to two or four pages (or some other page limit)?**
 - a. The (P30 or U54) biosketch will not be counted in the page limit.
- 6. Do we need to submit Other Support for key personnel?**
 - a. The other support can be sent once an award is issued.
- 7. Should CVs of the candidates be a part of the application?**
 - a. No.
- 8. The RFA allows 2 applications. Is that \$500K/Year per person or two people splitting \$500K/year?**

- a. That is \$500K direct costs per year per person and two (2) applications per P30 or U54. Also, one application per recruit.
- 9. Is someone who is on faculty, but supported by a "K" award eligible? We have a terrific person who is transitioning to independent status and is ready to write his first R01, but he already is on the tenure track. I think he will leave unless we can provide support at this level, and thus this would qualify under the "job preservation" category.**
 - a. Unfortunately, he will not qualify assuming he is already in a tenure track position.
- 10. How much flexibility is there on the "physician-scientist" requirement?**
 - a. None.
- 11. We are in the process of recruiting a physician scientist who works in the realm of decision making for clinical trials. Since this individual directs a research program in line with "behavioral" sciences, we are wondering if the election of this type of recruit would be considered responsive to the above referenced mechanism. We consider this "dry lab" research as basic and mechanistic. We would appreciate your advice on this matter so that we do not devote precious time on applying for a recruitment that is unsuitable for support by this mechanism.**
 - a. The person should be devoting a major portion of their time to cancer research (broadly defined).
- 12. Is a very recently (within a year) appointed postdoctoral fellow, junior, or mid-career investigator from outside the institution, or an individual who is transitioning to independent faculty status within the current institution eligible?**
 - a. The recruit must be new (as in not yet hired) to the position and the position must be tenure track. The individual can be from outside or inside the institution.
- 13. In the review and selection process section of the guidelines, pt 4, "If early stage investigators or new investigators, do they have appropriate experience and training?" Pt 5, "If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)?" I would like to clarify whether or not it is expected that the CV of the candidate should be included in this initial application, or only 90 days after the award. If only after the award has been made, I am not sure how pt 4 and 5 can be answered in the review process.**

- a. The specific info on the recruit should come after the award as we are evaluating the process, the impact of the center on the recruit and the recruit on the center, how their science fits into the bigger of the centers goals/objectives/strategic plans etc. As for review criteria #4 and #5, how does your search process ensure the recruit has appropriate experience and training or a demonstrated track record of accomplishments (depending on their level).

14. Could you please clarify the definition of "active laboratory-based research" under the eligibility criteria for investigators hired under this initiative? Does this need to be a wet-lab based investigator or is an investigator engaged in behavioral studies and community based research and training, with a focus on minority health disparities eligible?

- a. Laboratory-based is not limited to wet-lab research. A broader definition may be used so long as the research and other requirements are met.

15. The NCI general guidance for ARRA administrative supplements states that a PI may submit only one supplement per grant mechanism per PI. If we submit an application or applications in response to this announcement, does that mean that we are not able to submit any other administrative supplement to the P-30?

- a. Submitting an application to one supplement does not preclude submission to another unless it is stated otherwise in the guidance of said supplements.

16. The Cancer Center has both a P30 (obviously) and a Partnership U54 both with Dr. Jones as PI. Is Dr. Jones eligible to submit for this recruitment supplement on both of these grants separately and thus potentially fund 4 positions?

- a. The P30 PI can submit 2 applications (one application per recruit) and the U54 PI can submit 2 applications (one application per recruit).

17. Is it possible to request more than \$100,000 in equipment costs in year 1? We have one potential recruit who would have need of instrumentation that would significantly exceed this amount.

- a. Equipment costs must will be limited to ~100K.

18. Should the investigators to be recruited be named in the applications, if we have specific candidates identified?

- a. Recruits do not need to be named at the time of the application. The process, support, and scientific expertise the recruit brings to center should be detailed in the application, as it will be evaluated in review. If you receive the award, the recruit needs to be identified within 90 days of the award notice.

19. Would translational PhD's be eligible?

- a. No. You may apply for support for these individuals under **Announcement Number: [RFA-OD-09-005](#)**, however.