

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Regarding
DE-FOA-0001699 and LA 17-1699
“U.S.-Japan Science and Technology Cooperation Program in High Energy Physics”**

Q1. The solicitation states that “R&D devoted to eventual cost reduction of a potential International Linear Collider (ILC)” will not be supported. Does that mean that ILC R&D activities in general will not be supported?

A1: No. Proposals for support of ILC R&D activities other than those specified above are welcome and will be considered for funding. As stated in the solicitation, support for ILC cost-reduction R&D will be provided through mechanisms outside this FOA.

Q2. The FOA states that one limitation on support is that no scientific staff is to be supported with award funds. How would a graduate student, postdoctoral scholar or Fellow be categorized?

A2: “Scientific staff” includes faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students. This Program does not support salaries for any of these. However, travel by scientific staff in the execution of Program activities is supported.

Q3: The list of supported activities (FOA, p.1) includes “high energy physics experiments.” Does this include ATLAS, CMS and other experiments at CERN?

A3: Yes, with the following conditions: The effort should be for R&D activities that involve strong bilateral collaboration between U.S. and Japanese investigators. Just having Japanese collaborators within a larger multi-national R&D effort will likely not review well.

Q4: May subcontracts/subawards be made by one collaborating institution to another? For example, if the U.S. part of a bilateral collaboration consists of a DOE lab and a number of universities, can the DOE lab issue subcontracts to a subset of the collaborating universities? Would this mean that the subcontracted universities do not submit proposals, while the other universities do?

A4: Yes. The following restrictions apply, however:

1. U.S. universities or other research institutions may not issue subcontracts/subawards to national laboratories;
2. All subcontracts/subawards (other than for commercially-available services) should be from the Lead Institution.

Note that collaborative proposals may offer a more advantageous means of having multiple institutions work together: In a collaborative arrangement, the lead institution does not collect indirect costs on any portion of the work being done by other institutions.