

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to Intermediate Neutrino Research Program

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Proposal Types

Q1: There are several neutrino experiments currently underway or planned to be mounted at Fermilab. Is it appropriate to put together proposals for efforts at Fermilab?

A1: The intent of the Intermediate Neutrino Research program is to support new efforts complementary to existing or planned neutrino experiments. So it depends a bit on what is meant by "efforts at Fermilab". The guidance is as follows:

- Proposals for hardware upgrades to currently operating or commissioning neutrino experiments will be considered. Upgrade plans still have to fit within the 5 year time window discussed in the FOA.
- Proposals to support or supplement fabrication of approved experiments currently in the final design or fabrication phase (e.g. SBND, ICARUS, JUNO) will be declined without review.
- Proposals to support fabrication of experiments explicitly declined by P5 (e.g. CHIPS, RADAR) or the relevant lab Program Advisory Committee (PAC) will not be considered.
- Proposals to support technology R&D for future experiments will be considered but have lower priority.

Proposal and Application Requirements

Q2: Is a Letter of Intent (LOI) required?

A2: Yes.

Q3: When is the Letter of Intent due?

A3: 5 PM Eastern Time on July 29, 2015.

Q3: How do I submit my Letter of Intent?

A3: The Letter of Intent must be submitted electronically through the DOE Office of Science Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) website (via URL: <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>). The Principal Investigator and/or anyone submitting on behalf of the Principal Investigator must register for an account in PAMS before it will be possible to submit a letter of intent or a full proposal. Please carefully read the FOA (specifically Section IV, Subsection B) for details. It will provide instructions on how to register with PAMS and procedures on how to submit your LOI. It is highly recommended that you register with PAMS a full week before you submit your LOI to avoid any delays.

Q4: Are we allowed to add collaborators, particularly collaborators at new institutions, to our unincorporated consortium between the LOI and the full proposal?

A4: While a change is permissible, it would be ill-advised. The Office of Science uses letters of intent to recruit non-conflicted merit reviewers. While we understand that a research team may change over time, the letter of intent needs to contain a good-faith listing of all expected partners. A change in the composition of the consortium between letter of intent and the application may jeopardize the Office of Science's ability to review the application.

Q5: We may have fewer collaborators on our full proposal than anticipated in the LOI, and smaller research scope. Is this permitted?

A5: Yes.

Q6: Can I submit a full proposal if I did not submit an LOI?

A6: No.

Q7: When is the full proposal due?

A7: 5PM Eastern Time on Sep 2, 2015

Q8: Is there a page limit for the full proposal?

A8: Yes. There is a limit of 20 pages for the Project Narrative.