



## Request for Proposals: 2022 Health Equity & Diversity in STEM Innovation Fund Applicant FAQ

Please be sure to review our [2022 Innovation Fund website](#), for details related to criteria, restrictions, and important dates. In order to create an equitable process for all, we will not be conducting 1:1 or informational conversations about the RFP with prospective grantees prior to submission, and cannot answer questions or provide feedback about the relevance or merits of specific programs or proposals to the RFP.

### Application FAQs:

#### **Q: Can an organization submit multiple proposals?**

Yes. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted by one institution, individual, or collaborative.

#### **Q: Will you consider an application that has shared leadership (ie. two co-leaders, co-Principal Investigators)?**

Yes, we will consider applications that have shared leadership. One institution will need to apply as the fiscal sponsor. And one individual will need to be included as the primary contact on the proposal. However, multiple PI's from multiple institutions can be listed within the proposal, and shared leadership can be noted in the application under "Project Team Description."

#### **Q: Can current or former Genentech and Genentech Foundation grantees apply?**

Yes.

**Q: Can I apply for multiple aims or sub-aims with one proposal?**

Applicants can apply for one of the three aims included in the RFP (i.e., Aim 1, 2, or 3). A single proposal cannot include multiple aims. Please select the aim that best describes your submission. The application does not require applicants to select a specific subaim.

**Q: What is the level of detail required for the budget?**

Please include a high-level sketch of the major budget categories (e.g., staff, materials), ideally associated with each of the major activities included in the proposal. If multiple institutions are applying and / or subgrants/subcontracts are anticipated, please include the breakdown by organization. Applicants may modify the budget before being invited to submit for a final application.

**Q: Will you consider proposals that include subcontracts?**

Yes, subcontracts and subgrants for nonprofit and for-profit organizations are allowed. The primary requesting organization must be a tax exempt, public charity under sections 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6).

**Q: What is the difference between direct and indirect costs?**

Direct costs are expenses that directly support the proposal objectives and activities (e.g., staff time, materials). Indirect costs generally include organizational operating costs that are not specific to the implementation of the project. Indirect costs may not exceed 25% of the total cost of the grant for consideration.

**Q: What is the time commitment for participating in the Learning Community?**

The Innovation Fund Learning Cohort meets for two hours every quarter (currently all by video) for two years after the funds are awarded. All grantees, regardless of cohort participation, also complete annual learning surveys.

**Q: Can you tell us more about the requirements for the full proposal?**

If invited to submit a full proposal, you may be asked to augment your initial proposal with additional details about the budget, timeline, project team, and key activities.

**Q: Can we see examples of previous grant recipients?**

Please visit [us here](#) to learn more about our 2020 Fund recipients.

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## **Aim-Specific Questions:**

**Q: For Aim 2, can funds be used as scholarship funding (ie. for medical school applicants, med students)?**

Yes, funds can be used for scholarships for education and/or training programs.

**Q: For Aim 2, what levels of student/learner qualify for support?**

Funds can be used to support students from early-career to mid-career to faculty.

**Q: For Aim 3, does the work need to be hosted by or occurring at a community college? And are there specific subject area restrictions (ie. nursing)?**

The goal of Aim 3 is to support community college students to successfully transfer into and persist in four year institutions. Beyond that, the Foundation is agnostic as to where that takes place (community college, four-year institution, nonprofit organization, etc.). Likewise, as long as the subject focus would lead to a career in science or health, there are no restrictions on academic focus areas. While there is no student age requirement, this Aim is specifically targeting community college students and we will not consider K-12 requests.

**Q: For Aims 2 and 3, will projects with a focus on K-12 education be considered? Which aims are appropriate for projects focused on K-12?**

While Genentech recognizes the critical importance of investments in K-12 programming and has current programs in this space, this particular Fund will not consider programs for efforts in K-12. To learn more about Genentech's investments in K-12, please [visit us here](#).