



Working with a Program Manager Before, During, and After an Award

DOE Office of Science's Office Hours
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Statement of Commitment

The DOE Office of Science (SC) microsite on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion is now posted on the SC website.

The entirety of the statement can be found at:

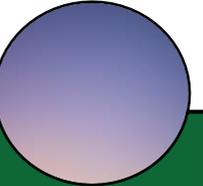
<https://science.osti.gov/sc-2/research-and-conduct-policies/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/>

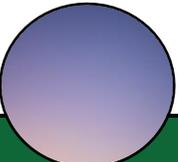
“The DOE Office of Science (SC) is fully committed to fostering safe, diverse, equitable, and inclusive work, research, and funding environments that value mutual respect and personal integrity. Effective stewardship and promotion of diverse and inclusive workplaces that value and celebrate a diversity of people, ideas, cultures, and educational backgrounds is foundational to delivering on the SC mission. The scientific community engaged in SC-sponsored activities is expected to be respectful, ethical, and professional.

The DOE SC does not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any kind, including sexual or non-sexual harassment, bullying, intimidation, violence, threats of violence, retaliation, or other disruptive behavior in the federal workplace, including DOE field site offices, or at national laboratories, scientific user facilities, academic institutions, other institutions that we fund, or other locations where activities that we support are carried out...”

The Faces of DOE IP

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Past Office Hours

- ▶ Monday, March 11, 2024 – Introduction to the DOE Isotope Program and Mission. ([Slides](#) | [Video](#))
- ▶ Monday, April 8, 2024 – Competitive DOE IP Funding Opportunities for R&D and Training. ([Slides](#) | [Video](#))
- ▶ <https://science.osti.gov/Isotope-Research-Development-and-Production/officehours>

- ▶ Hot Topics in Isotope R&D and Production FOA
 - ▶ Released biennially
 - ▶ Formerly entitled “Research Development and Training in Isotope R&D and Production”
- ▶ Topical FOA’s as they become relevant
 - ▶ Previous Release in FY21 of the “Advancing Novel Medical Isotopes for Clinical Trials” FOA
- ▶ Annual Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program (“The Open Call”)
 - ▶ Who can apply?
 - ▶ How does DOE IP use it?
- ▶ Annual SC Early Career Research Program FOA
- ▶ Annual SC EPSCoR Program FOA

Workforce Development Funding



- ▶ SC RENEW and SC FAIR initiatives
- ▶ SC Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) and SC Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI)
- ▶ Minority Educational Institution Student Partnership Program (MEISPP) Internships
- ▶ Support student and postdoctoral travel bursaries for conference attendance

There are many scientific disciplines that are integral components to the field of isotope production. Just because an institution doesn't currently have a production capability should not eliminate them from participating in competitive R&D and/or engaging in workforce development.

*Beginning in FY 2023, Office of Science solicitations required that applicants submit a plan for **Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Research, or PIER Plan**, along with their research proposals.*

- *This is a requirement for proposals submitted to all Office of Science solicitations, as well as invited proposals from the DOE national laboratories.*

PIER Plans are limited to 3 pages and should describe the activities and strategies that investigators and research personnel will incorporate to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in their research projects.

- *The complexity and detail of a PIER Plan is expected to increase with the size of the research team and the number of personnel to be supported.*
- *The PIER Plans are to be evaluated under a new merit review criterion as part of the peer review process.*

Additional information and FAQs: <https://science.osti.gov/grants/Applicant-and-Awardee-Resources/PIER-Plans>

- Regulations impact what DOE IP can openly discuss and when.
 - Before an FOA is posted, conversations related to the specifics of a topic and their relevance to DOE IP programmatic priorities can be discussed, but notional ideas related to potential future FOAs, and their specifics are generally out of bounds.
 - When an FOA is “live on the street”, discussions that might be perceived as providing a competitive advantage are prohibited, the DOE IP is happy to answer questions regarding nuanced language or intent in an FOA and the general responsiveness of an idea to the solicitation. Other questions will be considered and answered to the fullest extent possible.
 - We guarantee review by SMEs but can not guarantee same reviewers year to year. Feedback will be provided to applicants post-review.

During an Award

- ▶ Funding (Lab vs. University)
- ▶ Clear and frequent communication is encouraged
 - ▶ Reporting requirements
 - ▶ Completing work scope and potential roadblocks
 - ▶ Reallocation of funds
 - ▶ Request for extension
 - ▶ Moving to different institution

After an Award

- ▶ How to off-ramp or not
 - ▶ Program office acknowledges no renewal or continuation
 - ▶ Reporting requirement (lab vs university)
 - ▶ Continuation requires submittal of competitive or non-competitive renewal proposal. Duration and funding are at discretion of the program office.

Upcoming Events

- Isotope R&D and Production (DOE IP) DOE IP will hold virtual office hours on the second Monday of the month, 2-3pm ET. In cases where the second Monday falls on a federal holiday, the office hour will slide to the third Monday of the month. Upcoming topics include:
 - Monday, June 10, 2024, at 2pm ET – Stable Isotope Portfolio
 - Monday, July 8, 2024, at 2pm ET – The FOA Application and Review Process
 - Monday, August 12, 2024, at 2pm ET – How to Become a Reviewer for DOE IP
- For more information on DOE IP office hours, including registration, upcoming topics, slides, and recordings, please visit <https://science.osti.gov/Isotope-Research-Development-and-Production/officehours>.
- We look forward to having you join our Office of Science network and office hours!

Thank You!

