

Applications from Universities and Other Research Institutions for Fusion Energy Sciences (FES) Program Areas under the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program

This guidance applies to applications submitted only to the FY 2024 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program, i.e., the “Annual” or “Open” Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) ([link](#)).

Initial contact: Prior to submission of an application for a new, renewal, or supplemental to the above FOA, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the FES program manager since some of the FES program areas may offer separate targeted FOAs. Program Managers with the areas of responsibilities most closely matching the topic of your proposed research can be found in the FES [organization chart](#) and in the FES program area topical descriptions located in the above FOA document.

Pre-application: Following discussions with a FES program manager, a pre-application may be requested by FES and can be submitted to the above FOA for review and/or determination of responsiveness to the priorities of a specific FES program area. After this determination is completed, the subsequent application may be either encouraged or discouraged. Please note that pre-applications are submitted through the DOE SC Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) website in response to the above Solicitation under the appropriate FES program area. Please follow pre-application preparation and submission instructions and guidance. Including an estimated budget and schedule is encouraged.

Timing of full application submission and award: There are no submission deadlines under the above Solicitation. However, if a potential funding recommendation is to be aligned with the current fiscal year, a pre-application, if requested by the FES program manager, is suggested to be submitted before November 15th and a full application submitted before January 31st to allow sufficient time for review and selections.

Typical term of support: Award durations (“project periods”) may vary between one and five years, with most typical project duration being three years, divided into budget periods lasting twelve months.