

Frequently Asked Questions

Aquaculture & Fisheries CRSP Request for Proposals

This site will be updated every two weeks throughout the proposal application period. If you have a question, please write to acrsp@oregonstate.edu. Thank you.

Questions and Answers

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To whom should I address RFP questions?

One contact person will answer all questions so that the Management Entity of the CRSP can ensure equal treatment of all interested proponents. Dr. Hillary Egna, CRSP Director, will be answering inquiries in consultation with others in the Management Entity. Inquiries that are likely to be on the minds of others may be modified and, along with our response, posted on this website. Questions can be sent to acrsp@oregonstate.edu

Am I eligible to apply as Lead on a proposal in response to this RFP?

If you are affiliated with a Title XII institution in the USA, you are most likely eligible. You would, of course, need the support of your institution in order to submit an application. Based on Section 269(d) of Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, an eligible university or college is defined as: "... those colleges or universities in each State, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, now receiving, or which may hereafter receive, benefits under the Act of July 2, 1862 (known as the First Morrill Act) or the Act of August 30, 1890 (known as the Second Morrill Act), which are commonly known as 'land-grant' universities; institutions

now designated or which may hereafter be designated as sea-grant colleges under the Act of October 5, 1966 (known as the National Sea Grant College and Program Act), which are commonly known as sea-grant colleges; Native American land-grant colleges as authorized under the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note); and other United States colleges and universities which – (1) have demonstrable capacity in teaching, research, and extension (including outreach) activities in the agricultural sciences; and (2) can contribute effectively to the attainment of the objectives of this title.”

The role of Lead comes with added administrative and reporting responsibilities for all collaborating partners. The workload for a lead PI is expected to be two to four times that of a collaborating PI or co-PI. Lead PIs need strong support from their institutions, not only for cost-share, but for access to information and staff required for coordinating multiple overseas projects and subprojects.

If the above definition for eligibility does not qualify you, you may still be eligible to apply as a partner under a Lead. The eligibility requirements for partners are broad.

Are eligibility criteria different for subcontractors and other collaborators, who will not be applying as Lead?

Yes. Eligibility criteria for additional partners under the Lead are different. Non-Lead collaborators include Title XII institutions (described above) as well as many others.

Public and private entities such as other universities, colleges, minority-serving institutions, companies, international non-government organizations (NGOs), and others with resources and relevant experience for conducting research, training and outreach activities, and implementing research projects, are eligible to apply. For-profit firms may participate as sub-awardees but, pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to

award profit under assistance instruments such as cooperative agreements. All reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for-profit organizations), may be paid under the CRSP. US Minority-Serving Institutions include those mandated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges and Universities, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Serving Institutions, and Hispanic Serving Institutions.

Can I submit a proposal for my idea that would involve primarily offshore marine fisheries, and only secondarily aquaculture.

You can submit such a proposal but chances of it receiving funding are slim. The program is moderately funded and has been directed by the primary donor (USAID) to focus on aquaculture. Aquaculture and fisheries nexus topic areas can be proposed (see the RFP). Aquaculture can be viewed through an ecosystem perspective, however, so there may be many ideas that overlap with fisheries (hence, the nexus topic areas). Also, please know that the CRSP will engage actively in seeking additional funding through USAID to support fisheries research over the next few years. Those funds will be Leader with Associates Awards (LWA). Currently this CRSP has no LWAs. Go to RFP website: USAID links for more information. If you have a lead on funding from the USAID Missions, Regional Offices, or Bureaus and you want to explore how to buy-into the CRSP through an LWA, please contact the Management Entity at Oregon State University: acrsp@oregonstate.edu

Which countries can I include in my proposal?

Unfortunately, a single list of countries is not available from USAID at this time. USAID suggests that applicants familiarize themselves with USAID documents that include

references to specific countries. The CRSP RFP website lists these documents. If you are interested in a country not mentioned in the directed website links to USAID, please contact the CRSP ME for additional information. Cautionary note: Proposed activities will require USAID country-level concurrence prior to award. Non-concurrence can mean that a project or investigation is not approved for funding. For a list of USAID-presence countries, please go to the USAID links from the RFP website.

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