

2011 CREATIVITY AWARD APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Q Will you accept applications from outside the U.S.?

A Yes.

Q I submitted my application. How do I know it was received?

A Please check your inbox for an automated email confirmation. Also check your SPAM box.

Q I would like to submit two separate applications (for different studies). How do I know that the second one I submit won't replace the first one?

A You will receive an individual confirmation for each submission.

Q Will you accept a post-submission addition of supplementary information to my application?

A Yes.

Q Is there a way to save an online application and access it later prior to submission?

A No.

Q Will my application be accepted if posted after the deadline?

A No.

Q Can I request an extension of the deadline for submission of my application?

A No.

Q How do I notify the Prostate Cancer Foundation of any technical glitches?

A Send an email to pcfapplications@pcf.org.

Q Should the documents contained in the PDF comply with a specific format; i.e., font type/size, margin, layout requirements?

A We request no font smaller than 10pt.

Q Can I speak to someone about the suitability of my project before submitting an application?

A Yes, please contact Dr. Howard Soule at (310)570-4596.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Q How and when will I be notified about the status of my application?

A You will receive an email notification, date TBD.

Q When and how will the winners be announced?

A You will receive an email notification, date TBD.

Q If I am not among the winners, can I request feedback regarding my application?

A No, unfortunately our resources do not allow NIH-type feedback.

Q If I am among the winners, can I request a start date for my project?

A Yes, within an appropriate time frame.

ELIGIBILITY

Q Is there a minimum academic level required of applicants?

A For Creativity Awards, applicants must be at least at a post-doctoral level.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Budget:

Q Is a budget justification required as part of the budget section?

A No, budget justification is not required as long as you follow guidelines similar to the NIH form, PHS 398.

Q Does this award's "direct costs" cover salary support, expenses for travel, meetings, etc.?

A Yes.

Q Is there a salary cap for investigators?

A Salaries need to be consistent with NIH guidelines.

Q My project includes investigators from different institutions. Is it acceptable to combine their costs on one budget or will you need separate budget breakouts?

A One budget is fine.

Q Are there any guidelines on the inclusion of outside collaborators or subcontractors?

A Outside collaborators are welcomed. Subcontractors will be approved by PCF on a case-by-case basis.

CV And Supportive Publications:

Q Do biosketches need to conform to the new NIH format effective 1/25/2010?

A Yes.

Q Should biosketches be submitted for co-investigators or only the primary investigator?

A Include biosketches for all named investigators on the project.

Q Does "supportive publications" refer to the PI's publication record or to references supporting the application?

A "Supportive publications" includes all reports referred to in the proposed work.