

LASER PULSE Webinar #1 Q&A Supplement**Q1. How does one figure out what activities are allowed/not allowed under health?**

Generally, LASER PULSE is not supposed to fund projects in the conventional global health topics, such as maternal and child health and HIV-AIDS, however, there are a few exceptions such in the public health sector. Applicants must check with LASER PULSE by sending an email to awardsmanager@laserpulse.org with information on the proposed activity. LASER PULSE will review and let you know if the topic is allowed.

Q2. Traditionally researchers and practitioners have always looked at these two sectors separately: 1) nutrition and 2) health effects due to cooking smoke in children and women. We wish to create an integrated framework to look at these holistically. Will this fit this RFP considering the Global Health constraints?

From the LASER PULSE point of view, we believe this topic is allowed.

Q3. I understand that the Eligible Lead Institutions is an American MSI institution. We are a potential partner from Vietnam, implementing the PEER project: [Project 6-220 Vietnam \(nationalacademies.org\)](https://nationalacademies.org) Please let me know how to reach out to the MSI institutions to team up for this call.

LASER PULSE does not keep a directory of the MSIs in the US. We recommend for Applicants to check out [this link](https://inclusion.uci.edu/msi/msi-directory-2/) for potential MSI partners (or go to <https://inclusion.uci.edu/msi/msi-directory-2/>)

Q4. I'm in the central time zone, it would be 7:00 AM here when the meeting starts. Can I receive a recording?

Link to RFA information recording: <https://youtu.be/gJte47zuwM0>

Link to the LASER PULSE's Systems Level Analysis Approach recording: <https://youtu.be/DFj3v4Dpur0>

Q5. The duration of the project is 12 months. What is the possibility of extension especially in the current COVID19 situation?

Applicants should prepare a 12-month duration Application. LASER PULSE is looking into possible extension opportunities.

Q6. Can we have multiple partners? Like NGOs, Public institutions,...

Yes, but be cognizant of the fact that the total budget is \$150,000 total and you will be stretching the funds if you choose to have many partners.

Q7. Can the leading institution have different projects with different countries? In this case, will there be one or more PIs?

There are no restrictions on the number of Applications that can be submitted from a particular lead institution. Each application must have a different PI.

Q8. Do the two mandatory trainings mentioned for PIs and CO-PIs need to be taken while writing the LOI and Full Application or after the announcement of the award?

The trainings should be completed before preparing the LOI.

Q9. Do we have to register for the training?

Yes, please register on LASER PULSE website at <https://laserpulse.org/register/>

Q10. I am receiving an error message while trying to access the training page. Can you let me know if the website is having issues?

In order to access the training courses, a user must have a laserpulse.org account and be logged on. An error message will happen when a user tries to access a course without logging on to the website.

Q11. Does LASER PULSE have resources in other languages, e.g. French? To help partners review resources or watch webinars.

Training materials are on YouTube, which means closed captioning is available in English. It also has an option for a computer-generated translation to a variety of languages, although we cannot ensure the accuracy of these translations.

Q12. Would the previous trainings be valid or should they be retaken?

Previous trainings are valid, please include copies of the certificates.

Q13. I understand that the proposal/LOI has to have a link to an ongoing USAID activity. Right?

The LOI must be linked to a USAID Country Mission priority obtained from USAID Country Mission priority documents, including:

- a) USAID Country (or Region) Development Cooperation Strategy. CDCSs (or go to <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs>),
- b) **or** USAID Country Mission priority documents from the USAID Country Mission website, where CDCSs does not exist.

The RFA does not have a requirement to link to an ongoing USAID activity.