



**Louisiana Vaccine Center**



## **LVC/SLIIDR Pilot Grant RFP - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED**

**Question 1:** *Can a PI submit more than one application? Is there a limit?*

**Answer 1:** There is no limit to the number of applications that may be submitted. Applicants should also note the answer to Question 4 below.

**Question 2:** *Are indirect costs allowed; what costs are allowable under direct costs; are references included in the page limit; are appendices included in the page limit?*

**Answer 2:** Indirect costs are not allowed. Direct costs may include personnel, supplies and/or equipment. References are not included in the page limit, however appendices are not allowed. As noted in the RFP, projects can be funded up to \$75K per year for 2 years.

**Question 3:** *Should costs associated with use of Research Cores be included in the application?*

**Answer 3:** Anticipated Core costs should be included in your budget outline. Where no advertised Core recharge structure exists then relevant Supplies costs should be estimated. As stated in the RFP, the submitted budget (with brief justification) should include categories for personnel, supplies and equipment (if required).

**Question 4:** *What are the funding priorities of this RFP – how important is collaboration?*

**Answer 4:** The funding priorities for these pilot grant awards are clearly outlined in the RFP. Emphasis will be placed on high quality research. Particular importance is placed on novel, collaborative approaches that address key issues in vaccine development, microbiology, immunology, infectious disease, and host response to infection.

**Question 5:** *Will grants be awarded in order to maintain ongoing work in a lab, particularly if this work has received a good score/percentile from NIH or other external funding bodies?*

**Answer 5:** Funding ongoing work is not a priority of this RFP. There are other mechanisms at LSUHSC to support ongoing work that may have been temporarily disrupted through a lapse in external funding (Bridge Grants, etc). For this RFP, we will prioritize applications emphasizing approaches that are novel and collaborative in nature. This initiative is intended to foster such work with a view to: (i) future project and program grant applications to the NIH and other external funding agencies, and (ii) discoveries with potential for clinical application and/or commercial development.