



CIAPM Request for Proposals 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

Funding for this RFP is provided by the State of California, and is appropriated under AB 1602, Chapter 24, Statutes of 2016, which establishes Article 6. *California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine* under Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code. Eligibility criteria in the RFP are set forth in the statute. Please consult the answers to frequently asked questions for clarifications of the suggested CIAPM RFP 2016 review process.

Does the CIAPM RFP 2016 limit the number of proposals each institution may submit?

This is a new funding opportunity and we therefore do not have knowledge from previous submissions to estimate how many proposals CIAPM will receive. To enable thorough initial review of all proposals, institutions are highly recommended to include no more than two proposals. Focusing on no more than two well-developed proposals will demonstrate institutional commitment, which may factor in the committee's award recommendations. Similar to a "limited submission" process, the goal is to ensure thorough evaluations of proposals while including broad participation of institutions across California. Depending on the volume of responses, the Selection Committee may limit the number of concept proposals from each institution that will be accepted into the review process, while accommodating a given number of proposals from each institution. The purpose of RFP section IV.C.3 is to aid the Selection Committee during the triage process. This section suggests that applicant institutions limit their submissions to no more than two proposals, and if they submit more than two proposals, that they provide a rank order for their applications. If more than two proposals are submitted by an institution, being able to consult the rank order of applications as provided by the institution will ensure that the most competitive proposals from each institution are accepted into the review process. If an institution submits more than two proposals and does not provide a rank order, the Selection Committee may have to implement another process to choose proposals from that institution for consideration for the review process.

How many concept proposals will the Selection Committee review?

Given timing and available resources, and depending on the submissions received, we anticipate the Selection Committee may review approximately 40 concept proposals, or as necessary to accommodate at least two proposals from each institution.

What factors will the Selection Committee consider during the final decision process?

The statute identifies a breadth of possible focus areas for proposals, as listed in the RFP under section IV.B.2. These focus areas are reflective of the diverse fields and goals that comprise precision medicine. In order to maximize the overall impact of the funded portfolio of projects, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) asks that the Selection Committee

consider a balance of project types, including but not limited to, types of approaches, disease areas, research focus areas, partners, and patient populations, during its deliberations. Thus, while selecting highly meritorious proposals based on final overall impact scores of the individual proposals, the Selection Committee will also consider the overall potential impact of the portfolio to advance precision medicine in California, when making funding recommendations to OPR.

Will all applicants have the opportunity to present at the CIAPM workshop in August?

The RFP states that applicants will have the opportunity to pitch and discuss their proposal at the CIAPM convening on August 26, 2016 in Los Angeles. Applicants whose concept proposals are reviewed will be invited to present during the time of the workshop dedicated to RFP applicants. If the Selection Committee limits the number of concept proposals accepted into the review process (see above), the applicants of triaged proposals will not be invited to present, but will likely be invited to attend. Such applicants and other precision medicine stakeholders will be given the opportunity to present an elevator pitch during the reception.