



CIAPM RFP 2018 – Frequently Asked Questions

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Funding for this request for proposals (RFP) is provided by the State of California.

Does the CIAPM RFP 2018 limit the number of proposals each institution may submit?

This is not a limited submission. CIAPM RFP 2018 does not limit the number of proposals each institution may submit or otherwise be included in as a partner organization. However, no more than one project will be awarded per host institution or per principal investigator.

What cancer health disparities should my demonstration project proposal address?

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer health disparities are differences in cancer measures such as incidence (new cases); mortality (deaths); morbidity (cancer-related health complications); survivorship, including quality of life after cancer treatment; burden of cancer or related health conditions; screening rates; and stage at diagnosis. Cancer disparities can also be seen when outcomes are improving overall but the improvements are delayed in some groups relative to other groups. Although disparities are often considered in the context of race/ethnicity, other population groups may experience cancer health disparities, including groups defined by disability, gender/sexual identity, geographic location, income, education, and other characteristics. For more, including examples of cancer health disparities, see <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/understanding/disparities>.

To the extent possible, please provide data to describe any cancer health disparity your proposal seeks to address.

What counts as a community or county health institution that provides cancer care?

Examples of eligible institutions are community hospitals, county health agencies, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that provide cancer care. CIAPM does not intend to be prescriptive of qualifying institutions. Please direct any questions to ciapm@ucsf.edu.

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

The authorizing statute identifies a breadth of possible focus areas for proposals to improve cancer care for patient populations that suffer from cancer health disparities, as listed in the RFP under sections IV.B and V.A. These focus areas and selection criteria 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 select a balanced portfolio that represents diversity in several areas, including but not limited to, approaches, disease areas, research focus areas, patient populations, host institutions, and partners. Thus, while selecting highly meritorious proposals based on final overall impact scores of the individual proposals, the Selection Committee will take into consideration these factors when making funding recommendations to OPR. Finally, as required by [statute](#), the Selection Committee will ensure the inclusion of public institutions in both northern and southern California. Please see the [RFP 2018 Review Process document](#) for additional information.