Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) (NSF 04-537)

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Frequently Asked Questions - Collaboration

- What type(s) of inter-institutional collaborations is NSF encouraging?
- If multiple institutions are cooperating in the research project, should we submit a collaborative proposal with one organization as the lead or a collaborative proposal from multiple organizations?
- Does EPSCOR certification interact with the choice between a collaborative proposal from one organization (with subawards administered by the lead organizations) or from multiple organizations?
- My question is not in this list and is not answered in the solicitation. What should I do?

Frequently Asked Questions - Eligibility Requirements

- How many proposals am I allowed to submit this year to the HSD solicitation (NSF 04-537)?
- In submitting to HSD, does the university department of the PI matter?
- Can international institutions apply to HSD?
- Are government laboratories or for-profit organizations allowed to submit HSD proposals?
- Are graduate students or unaffiliated researchers eligible to apply to HSD?
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Frequently Asked Questions - Financial/Budget

- How will the HSD funds be divided across the directorates and different subject areas of the solicitation?
- May teaching faculty request academic year salary in addition to or instead of summer salary?

- What kinds of administrative costs may be included in the budget?
- May HSD proposal budgets include equipment?
- How might the requested budget affect chances of success? Are there budgets that would be inappropriate because they are too large or too small?
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Frequently Asked Questions – Letters of Intent

- Can I change parts of the LOI that I submitted?
- What parts of the LOI can be changed in the Full Proposal?
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Frequently Asked Questions – Proposal Preparation

- How many Letters of Intent (LOI) should be submitted for each project and how do I submit one?
- What should be in the Project Summary?
- Will you enforce the page limits on proposals?
- Do citations and references count against the 15-page project description limit?
- May I submit the same proposal to HSD and to another NSF program?
- Can I request an extension of time to submit a Letter of Intent?
- Can I request an extension of time to submit a proposal?
- What if FastLane or my university computer is unavailable on a submission deadline?
- What if there is an earthquake, fire or other disaster?
- Should proposals from non-profit research organizations address the broader impacts criterion and the integration of research and education?
- What if listing my five most recent relevant papers would take more than two pages because these papers have several hundred authors each?

- How do we submit supplementary documents, such as acknowledgements to our Letters of Intent or letters of support?
- Can I be a reviewer for HSD this year?
- Why is the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences the only one to appear on the FastLane Cover Sheet? I normally apply to Geosciences and my proposal deals primarily with Geosciences?
- Why does NSF only allow 4 co-PIs to be listed on the cover sheet of the Full Proposal and on the LOI? I would like our project to have five (or more) co-PIs.
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