

Questions from UREP Webinar

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1. Is the solicitation open to permanent residents?
 - a. Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators must be U.S. citizens.
2. Do the students have to be US citizens?
 - a. US citizenship is not required for students to participate; however, it may be required to attend enrichment activities held at Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB).
3. Can US persons (green cards) serve as PI or Co-PI?
 - a. Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators must be U.S. citizens.
4. What is the expected start date for the projects to begin?
 - a. The period of performance will commence upon subagreement award date, tentatively February 2022.
5. Can you partner with other institutions or organizations for the proposal?
 - a. Yes, and as a reminder, this opportunity aims to provide undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral fellows with authentic research opportunities
6. Can small businesses participate in this program in collaboration with university partners?
 - a. Yes, if students are heavily involved. Please remember that this opportunity aims to provide undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral fellows with authentic research opportunities.
7. Is eligibility limited solely to “Universities and Non-profit Research Institutions” (URI)? If a URI proposes, how much can they subcontract out to industry for services needed to support a proposal?
 - a. Yes, eligibility is limited solely to Universities and Non-profit Research Institutions. Eligible proposers may subcontract out to industry for services needed to support a proposal, with no preset limit. As a reminder, this opportunity aims to provide undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral fellows with authentic research opportunities.
8. As a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC), are we eligible to propose to this solicitation (with university graduate and undergraduate support)? Or does it need to come from the University itself (possibly with us as supporting team members)?
 - a. UARCs would be considered Non-profit Research Institutions and would be eligible to apply. As a reminder, this opportunity aims to provide undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral fellows with authentic research opportunities.

9. Can a person (us citizen) with a master's degree, currently pursuing PhD be co-PI in the proposals?
 - a. Yes.

10. Can hyperspace challenge application proposal idea also be applied as the UREP application? In other words, can they be same?
 - a. Yes!

11. Will there be requirements on how much of our proposed efforts must be student-led research, in contrast to faculty and staff led research?
 - a. There is no set limit on the percentage of research led by students, staff, or faculty. As a reminder, this opportunity aims to provide undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral fellows with authentic research opportunities.