



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOA-AFRL AFOSR-2021-0005
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

The following are the questions received and associated responses. Duplicate questions are only included once. Some questions have been edited for clarity.

Q1. Is the FOA open to non-US based institutions (e.g., in the EU)?

A: No. The FOA is only open to US-based institutions. This also applies to the sub-award level institutions.

Q2. Is there a limit on the number of co-PI faculty members per COE team, similar to MURI programs?

A. There is no explicit limit on the number of key investigators in the FOA; however, there is an inverse relationship between the number of investigators and the average amount of funding available per investigator.

Q3. Can an individual participate in more than one white paper? In more than one full proposal?

A. Yes, an individual can participate in more than one white paper and full proposal.

Q4. Is there a limit on the number of proposals that can be submitted per institution?

A. No, there is no limit on the number of submissions per institution.

Q5. Is the COE primarily interested in electronic neuromorphic hardware?

A. The COE is open to all material/circuit solutions, including but not limited to electronic and photonic computing.

Q6. Is there any balance required between the four research objectives?

A. The FOA states that proposals must address all four research areas but does not specify the balance among them. A COE funded under this FOA is expected to advance the science in all four areas.

Q7. Although the COE should advance all four research areas, is there a preferred area of expertise for the principal investigator?

A. There is no preference for the specialty of the principal investigator, who may be associated with any of the topic areas.

Q8. Does the \$1 million annual budget limit include indirect costs?

A. The \$1 million annual budget limit includes both direct and indirect costs.

Q9. Can proposers contact AFRL scientists and engineers to explore AFRL interests (section A.4.3) and define joint research projects prior to a COE being selected by AFOSR/AFRL, or would this be something done later?

A. This would be done after the award as part of the COE's activities.

Q10. The FOA (on p.9) specifically calls for interactions with AFRL scientists and engineers throughout the life of the COE. Can AFRL S&Es be included as part of the funded COE project team?

A. The COE is encouraged to build relationships with AFRL S&Es, but AFRL staff will not receive funding from the COE and should not be listed as key personnel in white papers or proposals.