

The Department of State has received inquiries regarding funding opportunity SFOP0002260: Understanding China's Information Campaigns and Public Diplomacy in the Asian and Pacific Regions. These inquiries and the Department's best efforts to respond fully to them are below. This list will be updated should additional questions be submitted. Applicants should use their best judgment in drafting their proposals. The answers below should not be construed as expressing preference for any particular approach to drafting a proposal.

1. Does the Department of State (DOS) have a particular set of parameters, activities, etc. for defining "Chinese public diplomacy"?
 - No.
2. Does DOS have a sense of the period of time of Chinese public diplomacy efforts that grant proposals should focus on or encompass?
 - No.
3. Is there a target number of participants to attend each of the minimum of two public forums stipulated in the solicitation that grant proposals should meet or exceed?
 - No.
4. Does DOS favor any particular Asia/Pacific forum location(s)?
 - No.
5. Is it desirable for grantees to partner with an organization based in-country for the forums?
 - Applicants are free to propose partnerships with in-country organization for forums if they choose to.
6. Does DOS prefer that grantees partner with local organizations for the three case studies of Chinese public diplomacy in the Asia and Pacific regions?
 - DOS does not express a preference for any particular method of executing the at least three case studies of Chinese public diplomacy in the Asia and Pacific regions.
7. Is it permitted for the primary grantee to work with sub-grantees on this project? Would a sub-grantee/contractor need to be a US-registered non-profit or university? Would private foundations be eligible to be sub-awardees?
 - Sub-question a: Yes.
 - Sub-question b: No.
 - Sub-question c: Private *non-profit* foundations would be eligible to be sub-awardees.