

YIP FOAAFRLAFOSR20240004

Questions & Answers

Q1. Can a U.S. citizen who is employed at a foreign Institution apply for the YIP award?

Answer: No. The Young Investigator Program grant awards are made to U.S. Institutions of higher education, industrial laboratories, for-profit, or non-profit research organizations where the Principal Investigator is employed on a full-time basis and holds a regular position.

Q2. Can I submit a proposal to more than one research portfolio area?

Answer: No. YIP proposals may be submitted for only one research portfolio area.

Q3. I am planning to coordinate my topic idea with one of the Program Officers, which is recommended in the FOA. Can the coordination happen any time before the white paper deadline?

Answer: Yes, you may reach out to one of the Program Officers any time before the white paper deadline.

Q4. May I submit multiple white papers to different branches?

Answer: Yes, you may submit multiple white papers, but you need to inform the Program Officer(s) that you are sending a white paper to another branch.

Q5. May I have a funded collaborator from a different Institution?

Answer: No. Individual awards are made to the Institution, not to the Principal Investigator. There may not be co-PI's except if the potential proposed PI transfers Institutions post-closing date of the announcement and the primary Institution agrees to add the PI's receiving Institution as a sub-award. The YIP is a single investigator award, there are **no collaborators**.

Q6. On the YIP FOA, it reads that the white paper includes "potential team members." But it also reads no co-PI allowed. What does this mean?

Answer: Potential team members include a Post Doctoral Associate, Graduate Student, and/or Undergraduate Student. Individual awards are made to the Institution, not to the Principal Investigator. There may not be co-PI's except if the potential proposed PI transfers Institutions post-closing date of the announcement and the primary Institution agrees to

add the PI's receiving Institution as a sub-award. The YIP is a single investigator award, there are **no collaborators**.

Q7. I am having technical issues with the APAN page. Can you please assist?

Answer: APAN is not hosted by the Air Force so those users will need to contact APAN directly if they cannot view the page. Please ensure you are attempting to access <https://community.apan.org/wg/afosr/>. The APAN Help Desk Team is available during the following times 0800-2000 EST at 1-808-472-7855. Users can also submit a ticket here: <https://www.apan.org/APAN/pages/servicenow>.

Q8. Do personal events like birth of children affect the eligibility timeline?

Answer: No. There are no exceptions to the posted deadlines.

Q9. I have a question about the eligibility of this program. I got my PhD degree at X Institution in June 2015. In the solicitation, I see the program support "who have received Ph. D or equivalent degrees by 01 April 2017". Could you please let me know if I am eligible for the application?

Answer: No. The Fiscal Year 2025 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP) intends to support individual early in career scientists and engineers who have received Ph.D. or equivalent degrees by **01 April 2017 or later** showing exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research.

Q10. Can you please define "career-competitive?"

Answer: Competitive status is acquired by completion of a probationary period under a career-conditional or career appointment.