

Questions and Answers from the SCRA Composite Materials Request for Applications Information Session February 22, 2018

Q: Does the application need to be submitted by the individual Principal Investigator or does it need to be submitted by the office of sponsored research?

A: The submission must comply with institutional requirements.

Q: Will the Center have its own team of researchers or will it be more like a characterization or a facility that provides solutions to industry.

A: The Center will not have a dedicated team of researchers permanently assigned or funded by the Center. The Center will build a network and teams structured to take on and solve each of the challenges presented by industry.

Q: Are we supposed to propose ideas as to how we can solve the challenges faced by industries?

A: We are looking for a specific, industry-validated, issue or challenge and a proposal as to how to address it. We will then use that proposal to run through the system and see how we can build out the teams described in the question above and get the appropriate contracts in place. These are feasibility grants to test the business model, so please submit a technical problem that is an unmet need from industry.

Q: Will the slides be available for all members of the Information Session to review?

A: Yes, the slides will be sent to every member who registered for this Information Session.

Q: Will the recorded session be available for all members of the Information Session?

A: Yes, we have sent a link to the RFA website, where the recording is posted, to every person who registered for the Information Session. We are also including it here as well.
<http://www.scra.org/what-we-do/enable-commercialization/sact-grants>

Q: Will the Collaboration Center connect technical colleges with universities, or is this university grounded?

A: We welcome submissions from the technical college system, as well as the primarily undergraduate institutions. Multi-institutional teams with participants from the primarily undergraduate institutions and technical college system are preferred, pursuant to the strategic criteria outlined in the RFA.