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<b>Questions About Eligibility and Principal Investigators</b>			
	In SmartSimple, do we identify ourselves as ESI by answering "yes" to the title page question: "Are you applying as a New Investigator?"	4/30/2025	Yes. You will also include an ESI statement at the start of your application (more details will be provided to applicants who are advanced to the full application stage).
	Can I hold this award and another ESI award from another institution at the same time?	4/30/2025	Potentially: during the pre-funding phase we will request details about your other support; if you receive/are selected for funding for another ESI award as PI, we may require you to pick one and decline the other. Please discuss with the Program Officer. Note that some award types (training, fellowships) may be allowable.
	Am I eligible to apply as an ESI if I am a PI on a previous CHRP award? If I was PI on another UCOP RGPO award? If I am a Co-Investigator on another RGPO or CHRP award?	4/30/2025	No, no, and yes: If you have been a PI on any CHRP or other RGPO Program award (see <a href="https://www.ucop.edu/research-grants-program/index.html">https://www.ucop.edu/research-grants-program/index.html</a> ), you are no longer eligible as an ESI for CHRP. Serving as Co-investigator on another award is not disqualifying for CHRP ESI status.
	Am I eligible to apply as an ESI if I confer my terminal degree after the performance period begins?	4/30/2025	Potentially: if you meet the eligibility criteria for ESI as outlined in the RFP, and if your institution will grant you PI status should your application be selected for funding, you should be eligible to apply as an ESI. Please discuss with the Program Officer.
	Am I eligible to apply as an ESI if I received my PhD within the last 10 years?	4/30/2025	Yes, if you meet the eligibility criteria for ESI as outlined in the RFP.
	Am I eligible to apply as an ESI if I am a post-doc and planning to stay as post-doc during the duration of the grant rather than transition to faculty?	4/30/2025	Yes, CHRP has no restrictions or requirements as to the position you hold at your institution.
	Can I retain this award if I apply as an ESI post-doc but get promoted to scientist during the pre-funding or study periods?	4/30/2025	Yes, CHRP has no restrictions or requirements as to the position you hold at your institution.
	Can I retain this award if I apply as an ESI post-doc, and remain a postdoc without demonstrating full salary support? I have the impression that one is only granted the just-in-time PI exceptional status if one can demonstrate that they will have full salary support?	4/30/2025	CHRP has no requirements regarding other funding sources, or proportion of salary covered. Each institution has their own policies about who they provide PI status (including just-in-time PI exceptional status) ; please discuss with your institutional officials.
	For ESI status, when is eligibility determined?	4/30/2025	ESI status is determined at the time of application -- if you are on the margin, please discuss with the Program Officer.
	What does "having PI status" mean? As in "PI currently holds (or will be granted at time of funding) Principal Investigator status at an eligible California institution."	4/30/2025	PI status is determined by each institution (not CHRP) according to their own criteria. If your institution allows you to submit an application as PI then CHRP considers you to "have PI status".
	Is citizenship or a specific visa type required for the PI to be eligible to apply?	5/5/2025	CHRP has no requirements regarding citizenship, residency, or visa status. We recommend checking with your institutional officials whenever issues as important as eligibility arise.
<b>Questions About Budgets</b>			
	Is there a cap on salary support?	4/14/2025	CHRP does not have a salary cap.
	Are these grants intended to support post-docs at or near 100% (like other Career Development Awards)?	4/14/2025	These awards at CHRP are not designed to cover any specific portion of any salary, other than cases where we require a minimum percent effort from the PI.
	How are changes in roles/institutions addressed? Especially regarding impacts on salary/budget (in the event that salary increases).	4/30/2025	Change Requests are allowed at any point during the performance period; this includes Budget Change Requests (to address unplanned salary increase), Change of Institution Requests, and more. Proposed changes cannot raise the total budget above the approved budget (an increase in salary must be offset either by a decrease in effort, a decrease in another item, or similar). Changes are subject to program approval. The Grants Administration Manual provides detailed instructions on what budget changes are allowable, what to include in your request, and what changes require additional documentation. Please refer to the RGPO Grants Administration Manual ( <a href="https://www.ucop.edu/research-grants-program/_files/documents/srp_forms/srp_gam.pdf">https://www.ucop.edu/research-grants-program/_files/documents/srp_forms/srp_gam.pdf</a> ) for additional clarification.
<b>Questions About Sub Awardees</b>			
	If the project involves a partnership between an academic institution and community organization, will CHRP award funds to both entities?	4/30/2025	These RFPs are limited to single-PI only, which will allow only one contract and all funds awarded to the contracting institution. The applicant can elect to subcontract to a Community Based Organization in this case, if their institutions allows this.
	Is it possible to have Co-Investigators / Consultants / Subcontractors that are located outside of California?	4/30/2025	As stated in the RFPs, the proposed research must be conducted in the state of California. If you feel you require an out-of-state collaborator to complete your project, please contact the Program Officer to discuss.
	I have a collaborator. How do I determine whether they should be a Co-Investigator (paid via subcontract) or a Consultant?	5/1/2025	Your institution's Contract and Grants / Sponsored Projects Office will have guidance on this, we recommend you discuss this internally.
<b>Questions About Award Requirements</b>			
	May we propose a 1-year project with a budget of up to \$250K for the 1-year project period?	4/30/2025	Yes, you can propose a study of any length up to two years.
	Is there any benefit to applying for a project with a 1 year length vs a 2 year length?	4/30/2025	The project duration you request should be driven by the scientific needs of the project. There is no advantage to shortening the performance period which would affect your likelihood of being selected for funding. The budget can be unevenly distributed across budget years.
	Can an award include only person as key personnel?	4/30/2025	Yes.
	Considering the current public health funding climate, would it be advantageous to request a one-year project duration, to prevent non renewal at the start of YR02?	5/5/2025	The project duration you request should be driven by the scientific needs of the project. As stated in the RFP, "continued funding beyond year one is contingent on progress toward milestones enumerated in the application," and external aspects are not typically taken into account. CHRP is funded through the Legislature of the State of California, and is not affected by any non-California funding climate.
<b>Questions About Submission Requirements</b>			

	Is institutional signing required for the LOI?	4/30/2025	No, not at the LOI phase.
	Are references required for the LOI submission?	4/30/2025	No, but you may elect to provide them if you wish, using the allotted space.
	Is there a limit to the number of applications that an institution can submit?	4/30/2025	No, there is no limit to the number of applications submitted by institution, department, non-profit entity, or fiscal sponsor. The limit is one application per PI.
	Can multiple PIs from a single department/entity submit separate, distinct applications?	4/30/2025	Absolutely.
	Do character limits include spaces?	4/31/2025	Yes.
	Where can I find the options for CHRP Research Priority Area; Subject Area and Focus Area?	4/31/2025	The list of options is on the "Project Information" tab in SmartSimple. For Focus Area, the complete list of options will pop up once you start typing in the response box.
	Could you please explain the difference between the LOI Scientific Abstract and the LOI Specific Aims?	5/5/2025	In short, we recommend using the "scientific abstract" to present an overview of all aspects of your application, and to use the "specific aims" section to explicitly state the aims of your project, hypotheses, methods, anticipated results, etc. Related guidance from the NIH application process: <a href="https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/advice-on-application-sections">https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/advice-on-application-sections</a> .
	As a fiscal sponsor for several non-profit entities, are we limited as to the number of applications we can submit on behalf of our multiple investigators and entities?	5/5/2025	No, there is no limit to the number of applications submitted by institution, department, non-profit entity, or fiscal sponsor. The limit is one application per PI.
	For the "robust mentoring plan" that will be required at the full application stage, what are the expectations for that section, or what might that plan might look like? Will further instruction/guidance and detail be provided later?	5/5/2025	Full applications will "require a Letter of Support from the mentor, which must include a mentoring plan..." We suggest including some detail about that plan in your research plan narrative, so reviewers are sure to see it. CHRP won't be providing detailed instructions or guidance for the mentoring plan; however, your mentor or supervisor should be able to help you with this.
<b>Questions About Study Drug</b>			
	Is there a possibility of study drug coverage from CHRP (e.g., coverage of LAI PrEP study drug)?	4/14/2025	CHRP has no plan to cover study drug but may be able to help connect investigators with pharmaceutical companies who may offer study drug.
<b>Questions About Funding Decisions</b>			
	For the social behavioral RFP: will applications from the career development open call be evaluated in the same group as the open call for all investigators?	4/14/2025	No, there will be a separate review of Path 1 and Path 2 applicants.
	How will we find out if our LOI is approved / if our application is selected for funding?	4/30/2025	You will receive an automated email from the SmartSimple system no later than the time and date specified in the RFP.