

Irving Institute Request for Proposal (RFP) FAQ's -2019

Questions about what to propose

- **What energy & society topics are of interest to IIES?** All! Bring us your great ideas, we want to learn what your interests are.
- **What do you mean by “Investing in Our Energy Futures”?** This theme is purposefully open ended, but in essence embodies the notion that to fully and equitably capture the societal benefits of rapidly evolving energy options requires investments that go far beyond traditional financing of energy projects
- **What do you mean by “strong potential for impact”?** We’re looking for projects that will transform understanding of energy & society, and that will transform energy systems themselves. Also having a high potential for additional funding and scaling globally.
- **Can faculty propose a new class? New FSP?** Yes! Yes!

Questions about who can propose and work on projects

- **Can proposal include collaborators outside Dartmouth?** Yes, but funds can only go to Dartmouth entities (faculty, post-docs, staff, students).
- **Are there special requirements for hiring student workers?** No.
- **Can I serve as faculty advisor for a post-doc project proposal as well as proposing a project with my own team?** Yes.
- **Can post-docs from the same research group submit individual proposals?** Yes, but they should be explicit about how they are different from and connected to others in the group. Proposers should recognize we seek to support a range of energy & society topics.
- **Can students propose projects?** No. We offer student mini-grants throughout the year. Check the student section of the Institute website for dates and application guidelines.

Questions about proposal details

- **Do we have to include overhead in the budget?** No, but fringe must be included on salaries.
- **What should short CV's include?** The basic information about academic background, disciplinary/scholarly affiliations, recent appointments, highlights of accomplishments.
- **Can I submit multiple proposals?** Yes, but we encourage you to submit your best/most timely project idea as funds are limited

Questions about project logistics

- **When can projects start? How long can they run? When do they have to be complete?** These are one year projects. They should start by September 1, 2019 and should conclude by August 31, 2020. We will consider extension requests on a case-by-case basis.
- **How will funds be distributed?** Via the Provost's Office.
- **Is administrative support available to help interdisciplinary teams develop and run projects, such as joint symposia?** The Irving Institute cannot currently provide this sort of support. Indicate what kind and how much support you envision would be needed so that we can learn and think creatively together about how those needs could be met.