EXCHANGE TWO SCHOLARS

Q: Can a single proposal include two students, one from each institution?
A: Yes, but in this case an external source of funding is needed to match the Frontier Center contribution for a hosted student. The award would designate both doctoral students as Frontier Center Scholars. However, the funding available directly from the Frontier Center would not be increased, so an external source of funding would need to be committed to support the second hosting period.

SUBMIT TWO PROPOSALS

Q: Can the same pair of PIs submit two proposals in the same round?
A: Yes, but the chances of both projects being funded in the same round are low. The PIs will need to present evidence of an existing, successful collaboration, to provide the Frontier Center with confidence that two awards can both lead to successful results.

PROJECT PERIOD DEFINITION

Q: What is the project period that is supported by the Materials fee?
A: The project period referred to in the RFP is during the hosted research, which is limited to one semester (four months). The hosted scholar is not required to stay for an entire semester, but they have that option.

SCHOLAR REQUIRED IN APPLICATION

Q: Does a Scholar candidate have to be identified in the proposal?
A: No, the candidate does not have to be identified in the proposal. This may improve the strength of the proposal by making it clear that the project is ready to go and will get underway quickly. A candidate must be identified, and agree to participate, prior to contract award.
**SCHOLAR TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

Q: Does the Scholar have to travel at the beginning of the contract?

A: No, the hosted research does not have to begin at the start of the contract. The PIs should propose when the Scholar will travel for the hosted research based on project progress and student readiness. Demonstrating a plan that moves towards the hosted research quickly may improve the strength of the proposal by making it clear that the project is ready to go.

**BUDGET FOR TRAVEL**

Q: Is $2k enough to support a round trip travel from Columbus to Mumbai?

A: This amount has consistently been enough in the last few years and is intended as the travel budget. Lodging is covered separately from this $2k at the IIT Bombay Guest House. If costs have changed by the time of PI travel, the Frontier Center will address this. There is no need, in the proposal, to specify the travel budgets.

**POSTDOC AS SCHOLAR**

Q: Can a postdoctoral researcher be designated as the Scholar?

A: No, the Scholar must be a doctoral candidate. If PIs have a project idea that is better suited to a post-doc, they should discuss that with the Frontier Center leaders separately. There may be other means of supporting this project.
## KEY INFORMATION

### KEY DATES

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### POINTS OF CONTACT

Submit **Letter of Interest** and **Proposal** via email to both frontier-center@osu.edu and pic.osu@iitb.ac.in.

Submit Frontier Center Questions to Prof. Ardeshir Contractor (Ohio State), Prof. Sanjay Krishna (Ohio State), Prof. Saurabh Lodha (IIT Bombay), or Prof. Raghavan Sunoj (IIT Bombay).

Submit RFP-related questions to TJ Ronningen.

Access and add your information to the Frontier Center researcher directory by sending “directory” to frontier-center@osu.edu