

Topic	Question	Answer
Special Funding Opportunities Relevant to MCB PIs		
1	In the NSF-DBT proposal, do we need to select a particular track like IntBio etc. for submission. Or just the cluster such as Molecular Biophysics is sufficient?	The cluster is sufficient as Molecular biophysics is a participating program under the NSF-DBT DCL.
2	You noted that project specific questions should be sent to our PI. What is the next step when they do not respond to our emails? Thanks.	If you don't get a response, you can try reaching out to another PI in the cluster.
3	Can a PI apply for 2 different NSF divisions at the same time?	You can submit 2 proposals to different clusters or different programs in the Biological Sciences directorate. Other directorates have different rules.
4	For the NSF-DBT, how targeted should the Broader impacts be, for the Indian partner and the US partner?	live answered
5	Does this need to be a multiple-PI application considering the integrative/synergistic aspect?	live answered
6	Can CAREER grants be in the IntBio program? How might this work with 2 or more investigators?	CAREER awards are single investigator awards.
7	awesome concept	
8	So, to clarify, it sounds like they can't be in the IntBio program.	live answered
9	In the LIFE program: can we propose investigations into molecular evolution (not at the organism level)? alternatively, are applications that use evolutionary approaches to develop tools to study biology suitable for this program?	live answered
10	If you currently have an IntBio grant, is this "renewable" upon finishing, and if so, what determines the competitiveness of a renewal vs. a new proposal?	live answered
11	My project involves both technology development and specific biological application that best fits Genetic Mechanisms. This project requires an interdisciplinary effort so I have a co-investigator with different expertise. Do I apply for IntBio or Genetic Mechanisms? Because of its technology development component, is there a more suitable NSF funding mechanism?	This specific question is probably best answered by consulting with a program officer. It really depends on how interdisciplinary the project is. Similarly, whether it belongs in MCB or DBI depends on how much technology development the proposal contains.
12	How long does it take for a Project Director (PD) to respond? We send an email to a PD for a different call (Tools4Cells) about 3 weeks ago, including a one page summary, and we have not received a response from NSF yet. Is there an average waiting time for a first response?	live answered
13	What other countries, besides India, does MCB have research partnership with?	https://www.nsf.gov/od/ose/intCollaborations/index.jsp
14	Do the proposals need to be submitted on the same date and time by both the partners in the USA and India?	They need to be submitted on April 11 by 5 pm local time.
15	Will there be additional NSF-DBT calls? April 11 is too soon for me to apply.	I'm sorry to hear that the April 11 is too soon for you and your team. Right now, April 11 is the only submission date planned. Please check the OISE India collaborations webpage for future opportunities.
16	Is PGRP the only option when submitting a plant-based proposal in NSF-DBT?	https://www.nsf.gov/od/ose/intCollaborations/India.jsp live answered
17	Thank you Cate. Will the NSF-DBT opportunity be available next year?	Right now, April 11 is the only submission date planned. We do hope to have additional opportunities available in the future but nothing specific to announce now. Please check the OISE India collaborations webpage for future opportunities. https://www.nsf.gov/od/ose/intCollaborations/India.jsp
18	Will that be another NSF-DBT deadline next year? For the India-US (NSF-DBT) program, there is no separate funding assigned to this. In this case, with all submission limits and others, it does not necessarily encourage the global collaboration because US PIs would decide to submit one without Indian collaborators or other international ones (UK, Germany, etc.). Could you comment on this point? Thanks!	Right now, April 11 is the only submission date planned. We do hope to have additional opportunities available in the future but nothing specific to announce now. Please check the OISE India collaborations webpage for future opportunities. https://www.nsf.gov/od/ose/intCollaborations/India.jsp
19	I could imagine some proposals could fit into EITHER IntBio (general) or IntBio LIFE tracks; is there any advantage to submitting to IntBio.LIFE over the general IntBio track, assuming your proposal fits both solicitation guidelines equally well?	live answered
20	thank you	
21	Is it fine to have an Indian company be part of the partnership with India? Will they need to cost-share? Or - can the company receive funding through this?	live answered
22	Is it fine to have an Indian company be part of the partnership with India? Will they need to cost-share? Or - can the company receive funding through this?	https://obtdindia.gov.in/latest-announcement/guidelines-submitting-collaborative-proposals-under-dbt-nsf-collaborative
23	Is NSF-DBT Ideas Lab meant to be for experts in computational biology or are experimentalists (who do protein biochemistry/ protein engineering) encouraged to also apply/participate?	live answered
24	For India-US DBT for Molecular biophysics how do you judge relevance? Other than it is a science field that is important for both countries.	live answered
25	Does PGRP also review with NIFA?	For the NSF-DBT, MCB and PGRP the only participating NSF clusters. There is no NIFA participation.
26	Costs. Thanks	
27	Does the Budget limit include indirect costs? For the USPRD, do we need to form a team after submitting a two-page proposal during the workshop, or can we alternatively submit our proposal as two principal investigators?	If you need to apply to the IDEAS workshop. At the workshop teams will be formed that ultimately are invited to submit full proposals.
28	I see. So, each PI should apply individually to the IDEAS workshop, not as two PIs. Is that correct?	live answered
29	Can the IdeaLab application be a single PI application?	live answered
30	Some panels at other agencies are pushing back on mechanistic studies with more favour for AI/ML studies. Does NSF still support mechanistic science?	live answered
31	Thank you for the great info session!	live answered
32	If a proposal is not suitable for IntBio or the more specialized programs, will it be transferred to more regular programs?	live answered
33	Thank you to the PGRP and MCB team for this highly informative session!	
34	Thank you for the info, human intelligence will always work better.	
35	thanks	
36	Thank you!	
37	Is the NSF-Israel grant still active?	live answered
38	Is there a deadline for this as well?	live answered
39	thanks!	
40	Is there a similar relationship with Germany or France as with Israel?	live answered
41	For the NSF-DBT, the proposals should be exactly the same, but they can be submitted for example on April 10 in the US and April 9 to the DBT. Right?? deadline is April 11.5	live answered
42	A common gene from Bacteria to Human: Protein with regulated catalysis. Is it something that would be of interest to Life DCL	live answered
43	Thank you all NSF for the excellent insight about the funding mechanisms at Biological Sciences Division for us to apply.	
44	Thanks!	