

pages for a particular section exceed the number of pages listed as a guide for that sections?

Yes, provided that the total number of pages in the Project Description for Sections 2-17 does not exceed the 45-page limit.

81. Can the template for the letters of collaborative arrangements be submitted on the collaborating organization's letterhead?

Yes, but using letterhead is not required.

NSF PROPOSAL PROCESSING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

82. How will NSF determine the number of earthquake engineering vs. wind engineering experimental facilities (EF) to support?

The solicitation states under "Award Information" that "there is no predetermined number of earthquake engineering EF and wind engineering EF awards; the awarded mix will be contingent upon the quality of proposals and annual budgets of NSF." Section VI.B of the solicitation describes the review and selection process for proposals. Proposals will be reviewed and selected for awards using the review and selection process outlined in the solicitation.

83. Will my proposal be returned without review if, as the PI for a CI component proposal, my qualifications do not meet all the PI qualification requirements listed in Sections II.C and II.E of the solicitation?

The proposal will not be returned without review. However, proposers are reminded that in accordance with the Additional Solicitation Specific Review Criteria listed in Section VI.A of the solicitation, reviewers will be asked to address the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed CI component, including the PI qualifications, with respect to the quality of the proposal in responding to the requirements and responsibilities in Section II.C, All Awardees (NCO, CI, SimCenter, and EF) - Common Awardee Requirements and Responsibilities, and the requirements and responsibilities in Section II.E, Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Component - Additional Awardee Requirements, Responsibilities, and Key Year One Milestones.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION

84. Section VII.B, Award Conditions, of the solicitation states that NSF oversight will include the following award-specific programmatic terms and conditions, for all awardees: "review and approval of requests to support graduate students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States to participate in awardee activities other than the NHERI-wide REU site activity and SimCenter Graduate Research Traineeships." Is there a list of additional NSF-approved awardee activities that can support graduate students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States?

No. Because [NSF 14-605](#) does not support research, there should be minimal involvement of graduate students in activities other than the NHERI-wide REU site activity and SimCenter Graduate Research Traineeships. NSF will consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests for support of graduate students who are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States to participate in awardee activities other than the NHERI-wide REU site activity and SimCenter Graduate Research Traineeships.