

may also need [Institutional Review Board \(IRB\) certification](#). Proposers are encouraged to consult the Open Source Security Foundation's [best practices](#).

- 12. I have an open-source product that is freely available for download on my website. Do I need an open-source license in place before applying to Phase I or Phase II?**

While a specific open-source license need not be identified prior to a Phase I proposal submission, it is expected that such a license will be in place prior to applying for Phase II funding and that the Phase II proposal will contain a rationale for the type of license selected.

- 13. Can technical contributors to an open-source ecosystem funded by the POSE program be based outside the U.S.?**

Yes, but POSE funding cannot be used for further development of an open-source artifact, tool, or product, whether the technical contributor is located inside or outside the U.S. Further, while NSF welcomes all international collaborations, non-U.S. based entities and personnel cannot receive NSF funds.

- 14. Will a for-profit organization be eligible as the lead organization by itself, or does it have to collaborate with a non-profit?**

Yes, proposals may be submitted by for-profit U.S. organizations, especially small businesses with strong capabilities in scientific or engineering research or education, with or without collaboration with non-profits.

- 15. Can I use either Fastlane or Research.gov to submit my proposal?**

You may only use Research.gov or Grants.gov to submit your proposal.

- 16. How can I sign up as a reviewer for this program?**

Send an email with your resume to pose@nsf.gov.

- 17. How long will it take for my proposal to be reviewed?**

NSF attempts to have most submissions processed within six months of receipt.

- 18. Do Letters of Collaboration need to follow the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) standard format for letters?**

Letters of Collaboration do not need to follow the PAPPG standard letter format. Each letter of collaboration cannot exceed two pages and must contain the name of the letter writer, current affiliations, and relationship to the members of the proposing team.