

Excel FAQs

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PI/co-PI eligibility

[General eligibility in the RFP here](#), additionally:

- Awardees from previous years can be co-PIs
- Post-docs can be co-PIs
- Faculty from non-eligible departments can be co-PIs

Budget

Course Buyout

- For tenured and tenure-track faculty only
- Rates vary, contact your department chair or business manager
- Must be approved by your department chair (no approval letter needed, they just need to know and approve)
- Maximum of 2, no more than 1 per semester
- Please [see budget instructions](#) on how to enter this into the budget form

*With Dean/department chair approval, faculty may request up to 1 month summer salary and 1 course buyout (instead of 2 course buyouts)

Dissemination plan

Must be included within the 3-page proposal narrative

Letters that are permitted to include

The only letters that may be included are: outside (non-USC) collaborators describing their role or participation, confirmation of access to facilities or resources such as special collections, publishers, etc. – things that are critical to proposed activities. Letters of recommendations or of a similar nature are not permitted.

Current & Pending Form

- A separate form is needed for each PI and co-PI
- Form is required even if there is no other support; mark “*no other grant support*”
- Include all grant funding for any project, not just funding related to the proposed project

Hyperlinks

Hyperlinks are not allowed in the proposal narrative.

They can be used in the bibliography but only to link to a listed reference, not for additional explanations, etc.

Additional Questions

Please contact Julie Morris, Program Coordinator, jamorris@mailbox.sc.edu, 803-563-8376.