

Ohio Coal Research Consortium

Request For Proposals (RFP) Number:
DSA-ENERGY AND REDEVELOPMENT #15-01

Questions and Answers

Q1: The application instructions state that “proposals must be submitted by a designated PI, who is a Professor, an Associate Professor, or an Assistant Professor.” I currently hold the position of Senior Research Associate with PI status, but I will become an Assistant Professor prior to the project start date. Am I eligible for consideration for this RFP since I will meet the requirement as of project start or must I wait until a subsequent RFP when I meet the requirement at time of submission?

A1: The original intent of this language was put in place to restrict professors from submitting multiple applications by proxy through one of their research associates. This doesn’t seem to be the case here, so we will allow designated PI’s who currently or will have Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor status by their project start date to apply.

Q2: On page 8 of the RFP language, it says: “During academic calendar summer months, ODSA shall fund up to a total of two months faculty time. The two months can be divided between the Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PIs as appropriate for the project. Actual charges will be based upon the academic year salary rate of the PI and Co-PIs and their portion of the two-month limit.” Our faculty earn their salary for teaching two semesters (approximately 9 months). However, we pay out our faculty over 12 months.

Option 1: $2/12$ s is equivalent to 16.7% of yearly pay, multiply by 12 months = 2 months, at a pay rate of \$10,000/month = \$20,000

Option 2: $2/9$ is equivalent to 22.2% of the academic appointment, multiply by 12 months = 2.66 months, at a pay rate of \$10,000/month = \$26,600

A2: Assuming a faculty yearly wage of \$120,000, paid out over the academic period (9 months), your faculty would earn \$13,333/month. We allow up to two months to be charged to this program, so ~\$26,600 is the correct amount. We normalize pay over the academic year by taking the yearly salary divided by the length of academic period. This is the academic pay rate.

Q3: Can the due date be extended to Tuesday, February 17th, since Monday, February 16th is a state holiday and all state offices will be closed?

A3: Yes. Proposals will be accepted if received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17th. All state offices will be closed on Monday.