Partnerships and Collaborations

Prospective mentors may apply directly with their postdoctoral candidate without being listed here. This list is for prospective mentors who have not yet identified a postdoctoral candidate for this opportunity.

Prospective Mentors that are interested in partnering or collaborating with a Postdoctoral Fellow on a specific research topic can contact TRI@nasaprs.com to be listed here. Potential Mentors should ensure that their proposals are focused on mitigating specific risks and closing discrete knowledge or technology gaps, as defined in the Human Research Roadmap (HRR; https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov). Additional listings will not be accepted any later than June 29, 2017.

Prospective Mentors should make sure their institution is registered in NSPIRES and include the following information in any emailed request to be listed here:

- A one sentence project title (to be listed here)
- One email address as point of contact (to be listed here)
- Name of PI
- Indicate current funding
- One paragraph about the research

**Prospective Mentors**

1. Digital Astronaut Project, involving research with scientists and engineers at Glenn Research Center. Dr. Beth Lewandowski: beth.e.lewandowski@nasa.gov
2. Development of food crop production for human exploration of space at Kennedy Space Center. Dr. Gioia Massa: gioia.massa@nasa.gov
3. Advancements in molecular-based technology and omics in the context of spaceflight microbiology at Johnson Space Center. Dr. Honglu Wu: honglu.wu-1@nasa.gov
4. Using a long-duration analog (HI-SEAS) to safeguard astronaut health and performance on deep space exploration missions at the University of Hawaii. Dr. Kim Binstead: binstead@hawaii.edu
5. Evaluation of circulating miR in the evaluation of integrative cardiovascular and musculoskeletal function: An integrative omics approach to evaluate astronaut health at Kansas State University. Dr. Carl Ade: cade@ksu.edu
**Process Questions**

Q14: I will be defending before November 1, 2017, but my degree will not be awarded until later in the year. Am I still eligible?
A14: As stated in the solicitation, “Applicants that anticipate earning a terminal degree (Ph.D., M.D., M.D./Ph.D., D.Sc., Sc.D., D.V.M., D.O., or equivalent) by November 1, 2017 are eligible to apply to this opportunity.” If you will earn your degree (by completing your program requirements; e.g. by producing your dissertation and defending it [for a Ph.D. program]) by November 1, 2017, then you are eligible.

Q13: What time of the day are the proposals due?
A13: The deadline for proposals is 5:00 PM ET, on July 31, 2017.

Q12: Some of my team members do not yet have NSPIRES accounts, what do I do?
A12: In order to list your team members on the cover page, they must have NSPIRES accounts. You can complete most of your cover page creation and proposal document upload while the individuals are being registered. If an individual has still not created an account when the proposal needs to be submitted, this person should be named in the Proposal upload and an account should be created as soon as possible. Please contact the NSPIRES help desk, NSPIRES-help@nasaprs.com, for any difficulties during registration.

Q11: Is a separate registration required for the organization itself which includes a designation of the person who will act as the EBPOC?
A11: As explained during the organization registration steps: "For security purposes only the Electronic Business Point of Contact (EBPOC) or Alternate EBPOC, as listed for your organization in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR, [http://www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)) can register his/her organization. The EBPOC or Alternate EBPOC will be asked to fill in some organizational information, print out the Organization Registration Request and Authorization form, have it signed by the Organization Authorizing Official and send it back to NASA. Upon receipt of this form, your organization’s registration will be activated. The person requesting this registration (i.e. EBPOC or alternate EBPOC) will become the Organization’s Point of Contact (OPOC) for NSPIRES. The OPOC will be granted all organizational privileges within NSPIRES and can then facilitate in setting up the organization’s NSPIRES account / privilege structure to best meet the needs of your Sponsored Research Office personnel."
The organization must be registered with NSPIRES for a PI to be able to affiliate with it. Please contact the NSPIRES help desk (NSPIRES-help@nasaprs.com) or read the NSPIRES tutorials for additional information.

Q10: Can one principal investigator submit more than one proposal?
A10: Yes, there is no limit to the number of proposals that a single individual (i.e. either a single prospective Postdoctoral Fellow or a single prospective Mentor) or institution may submit.

Q9: Is there a limit to the number of applications that a single institution can propose?
A9: There is no limit to the number of applications from any organization.

Q8: When will the funding decisions, regarding proposals, be made?
A8: Announcement of awards will be made prior to November 1, 2017.

Q7: Can I request an extension for submitting my proposal?
A7: Extensions will not be given. It is strongly suggested that you begin your proposal preparation early, familiarize yourself with the solicitation and the proposer’s guidebook, and ensure that your authorized organization representative (AOR) is registered with NSPIRES and will be available to submit your proposal by the deadline.

Q6: How can I verify that my proposal has been submitted?
A6: Once a proposal has been submitted, it no longer appears on the “Current proposals/NOIs” screen. Select the “Submitted proposals/NOIs” link to the left of the screen. Submitted proposals are displayed here. It is your responsibility, and not TRI’s, to verify that your proposal has been officially submitted by the proposal due date.

Q5: What do the various “proposal status” types in NSPIRES mean?
A5: There are six different proposal status types. Pending is a proposal cover page that is in process, but not yet linked to an organization. Only the PI (and any team member who has been granted privileges) can edit the cover page or upload documents in this status. Linked is a proposal cover page that is in process, and linked to the organization that is going to submit it. Once a proposal is linked, appropriately privileged personnel in the office who will be submitting the proposal (typically the AOR) will have access to the proposal and can, if necessary, lock the proposal.
A **locked** proposal cannot be edited. A proposal becomes locked when the PI clicks the "Release to Org" button. A proposal can also be locked by the AOR, who can also unlock a proposal if further editing by the PI is needed. A **rejected** proposal is returned by the organization to the PI. It can be edited by the PI and re-released to the organization. A **submitted** proposal has been submitted to NSPIRES by the AOR. Submitted proposals no longer appear on the "Active Proposals/NOIs" page of a PI’s proposals page. Submitted proposals are shown on the "Submitted Proposals/NOIs" page. A **withdrawn** proposal is pulled back from NSPIRES by the organization. If this is done prior to the proposal due date, the proposal could be re-submitted (it will be given a new proposal number). After the proposal due date, the proposal cannot be re-submitted.

Q4: I receive "checks" that I am missing proposal components when I submit my proposal. What does this mean?  
A4: As a courtesy, the NSPIRES system performs a “check” of the proposal components upon submission. NSPIRES is used by multiple programs for proposal submission and only the components outlined in this solicitation are required for compliance. Checks referring to proposal components not mentioned in the solicitation or requesting proposal components be uploaded separately (such as budget justification) can be ignored. A completed proposal cover page elements and single PDF proposal document as outlined in the solicitation are the only required components for this solicitation.

Q3: I’ve started the proposal creation/submission process. How do I find what I started and see where it is in the process?  
A3: In order to see proposals that you have in process, login to your account and select the "Proposals" link. Below the Active Proposals heading is a list of all proposals that you have started to create as a PI or on which you have been identified as a team member, but which have not yet been submitted. The title of the proposal is a link that will take you to the screen that allows you to edit the various components (note that if you are a team member, you may or may not have editing privileges, depending on if the PI granted them to you or not). The organization to which you have linked your proposal (if any) is shown, as is the PI name, the proposal due date, and the proposal status (see below).

Q2: Can a foreign citizen who is part of the faculty of a U.S. institution propose to the call for proposals?  
A2: Yes. The eligibility requirements of the solicitation apply to the proposing organization and not the individual.
Q1: I cannot find the answers to my questions in the solicitation documents, the guidebook, or this FAQ. Who can I ask for assistance?
A1: Please ensure that you read both the TRI Postdoctoral Fellowship Request For Applications (TRI-RFA-17-01), and this FAQ in their entirety before contacting TRI with questions.

For NSPIRES-related questions and the online preparation and submission of your proposals, e-mail nspires-help@nasaprs.com or by telephone to (202) 479-9376 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Eastern Time. There is also a Proposal Online Help site at http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/help.do. Tutorials of NSPIRES are available at http://nspires.nasaprs.com/tutorials/index.html.

Additional technical information and contact information can be found in both solicitation research appendices. Please reference the solicitation documents. You may contact Dr. Dorit Donoviel (donoviel@bcm.edu), TRI Interim Director, for programmatic questions.