

## Questions and Answers

### Pre-Proposal Submission

- Q. Will an extension be granted?
- A. No, pre-proposals are due by **5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 31, 2017**. Pre-proposals submitted after this time and date will not be considered for funding.
- Q. Does the Foundation support indirect costs?
- A. No, the Foundation's policy is to pay only for costs directly associated with the project. The Foundation does not pay indirect costs related to permanent equipment, facilities and full time faculty salaries. The indirect costs policy is available on [here](#).
- Q. What is the pre-proposal review timeline?
- A. The Foundation's Research Advisory Committee (RAC) reviews the pre-proposals and makes recommendations on whether the pre-proposal should be developed into a full proposal. The researchers are then notified whether or not they have been selected to fully develop and resubmit their proposals. The time period for full development is about 30 days.
- The RAC is then assembled to review the fully developed proposals. Based on their review, certain proposals will be selected to be recommended for funding. In January, the Foundation's Board of Directors will meet to discuss the recommended research and approve the research proposals deemed appropriate for the Foundation to fund.
- Q. When will researchers be notified if they have received a grant?
- A. Grant recipients will be notified both via e-mail in late January. The Foundation will then enter into a contractual agreement with the recipient's organization.

### Funding

- Q. What is the limit on the amount of funds that can be requested?
- A. There is no limit. All projects are reviewed and recommendations made based on merit.
- Q. What is the range of costs of projects previously funded?
- A. The range of projects funded is \$20,000 to \$200,000.
- Q. Is there a limit on the length of the project?
- A. No, there is no prescribed limit. Historically, the Foundation has not funded projects extending beyond 2 years.
- Q. How many projects do you fund each year?
- A. The Foundation does not have a set amount of projects that it funds each year. Project funding is based on merit, industry need and applicability. Over the course of the Foundation's Food Safety Initiative, an average of 8% of proposals submitted have received funding.

If you have additional questions that were not addressed here, please contact Susan Backus at [sbackus@meatinstitute.org](mailto:sbackus@meatinstitute.org) or 202-587-4220.

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