The SC EPSCoR Faculty Research Development Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who can apply to participate in the Academy?

A1. Only tenured and tenure-track faculty can apply.

Q2. I'm an administrator with a faculty rank, can I apply?

A2. Yes. If the answer to the previous question also applies.

Q3. If I plan to apply for an NSF workforce development grant, do I qualify?

A3. Yes.

Q4. The submission deadline for my proposal is before the end of the summer program. Do I qualify for admission into the program.

A4. No. Proposal submission deadline must be after the end of the program.

Q5. I plan to have a collaborator on my proposal, should my collaborator also apply?

A5. It depends on the solicitation you are pursuing. If the funding opportunity is of significant scope, then a collaborator's application may be suitable. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis. However, the applications should be explicit about the collaboration.

Q6. Is there a limit on how many applicants will be admitted to the program?

A6. The admission criteria is based on the quality of the applications. Also, we are limiting this inaugural program to no more than 15 faculty members.

Q7. Is there a limit on how many applicants from a given institution will be admitted?

A7. It depends on the applications' quality and the number of applications received. It is possible that more than one faculty member can be admitted.

Q8. What if my institution's administration does not give me the letters of support and commitment to research, can I still be admitted?

A8. No.

Q9. When do I get the $1,500 stipend?

A9. The stipend will be paid through the SC EPSCoR Office after the completion of the program. Completion of the program means attending the classes, completing the assignments, and completing the full proposal including addressing editorial and review comments.

Q10. What if I miss a class, what happens?

A10. Absence must be based on a legitimate reason. Regardless of absence, missed work must be completed in a timely manner.

Q11. What type of assignments should we expect as part of the Program?

A11. All assignments will be related to building parts of the proposal. In other words, at the end of the program, these assignments will form the full proposal. All assignments will be assessed and returned to you with comments.

Q12. Do I have to attend the in-person meetings in Columbia?

A12. Yes. We are using a consultant for this purpose and your attendance is required.

Q13. Who pays for my travel to the in-person meetings in Columbia?

A13. The SC EPSCoR will not cover travel (mileage) expenses. They may be covered by you or by your institution. However, SC EPSCoR will provide meals and refreshments as well as hotel accommodations during the last session.

Q14. Will my proposal be reviewed after the summer program is completed?

A14. Yes. All proposals will be reviewed by an expert in the general field of the proposal.

Q15. Regarding editing services, when will my proposal be reviewed by an editor?

A15. After the completion of the summer program, proposals will be edited based on the NSF proposal submission deadline of the solicitations that were selected.

Q16. Who decided which applicants will be admitted?

A16. Select members of the SC EPSCoR State Committee and faculty will review the applications and make admission recommendations to the SC EPSCoR Director.

Q17. When will I hear about whether I have been accepted for the Program?

A17. Review of applications will begin immediately after the application submission deadline. We will try to notify applicants with the decision as soon as possible.