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FAQs for Fiscal Year 2017 US-Ireland Research and Development Partnership Call in Agriculture

- Q: Do I list Ireland researchers as co-PDs on the Project Summary page of the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) application?
A: NO. Do not list the names of the Irish and Northern Ireland researchers as co-PDs. Please list them as collaborators.
- Q: Do I have more than 18 pages for the project narrative to describe the research to be done by the US-Ireland-Northern Ireland team?
A: NO. There are no extra pages. The tri-partite team's collaborative research must be included in no more than 18 pages.
- Q: If I am resubmitting a proposal from last year, if I expand the work to include a collaboration with Ireland and Northern Ireland is this still a resubmission?
A: YES. Please indicate in the extra 1 page for "Response to Previous Review" that you have expanded the scope of the resubmission.
- Q: Do I include Curriculum Vitae for the Irish and Northern Ireland researchers?
A: YES. All individuals engaged in the research project (working on one or more objectives) need CVs included in the proposal so that the panel reviewers can evaluate the overall expertise of the team.
- Q: Do I need to include Conflict of Interest lists for the Irish and Northern Ireland researchers?
A: YES. NIFA needs this information so it can adequately enforce its strict policy to avoid any perceived or real conflict of interest when assigning proposals to panel reviewers.
- Q: Do I describe "Facilities and Other Resources" and "Equipment" for the Irish and Northern Ireland researchers?
A: YES. The panel reviewers need to be able to evaluate the overall facilities/resources/equipment that available for the team to accomplish the proposed objectives.
- Q: Do I include Current and Pending support for the Irish and Northern Ireland researchers?
A: NO. The funders in Ireland and Northern Ireland are responsible for avoiding potential duplication of research already being conducted by their applicants.
- Q: What do I include in the SF 424 "Estimated Project Funding" box?
Answers:
 - For "Total Federal Funds" indicate the budget requested from NIFA.
 - For "Total Non-Federal Funds" indicate the budget (in US dollars) your Irish and Northern Irish colleagues requested from their funding agencies.
 - For "Total Federal Funds & Non-Federal Funds" indicate the sum of the numbers above.



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- Q: Is there a specific title to use for these proposals?
A: NIFA requests that you please begin your title with “Tri-partite collaborative:” followed by a descriptor of the specific work. By doing this, NIFA will be able to quickly identify the tri-partite proposals from among the US only proposals.
- Q: My Irish and Northern Ireland colleagues indicate I must include a letter of support from their funding agencies. How should I do this?
A: Please add the letters of support as “Other attachments”. Please title the letters “Letter of support IRELAND” or “Letter of support NORTHERN IRELAND”.
- Q: Can I submit a “tri-partite proposal” and a “US only proposal” on a different topic to the same program?
A: YES, however, AFRI discourages submission of more than one proposal to the same program from the same lead Project Director. This also applies to project directors who would want to submit two or more “US only proposals” on different topics to the same program.
- Q: Will research on horses be considered as “tri-partite proposals” to any of the announced programs that are part of the 2017 partnership?
A: NO, the animal focus in 2017 is on animals entering the food chain. While NIFA programs support equine research in 2017, “tri-partite proposals” may not work with horses in 2017.