

**DARPA-RA-18-01 Polyplexus Pilot
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
as of 7/11/18**

11Q: What should be included in the proposal submission?

11A: Per Section IV.B.2 full proposals requesting a cooperative agreement should consist of Volume 1: Technical and Management Volume, Volume 2: Administrative and National Policy Requirements and the application package provided in www.Grants.gov. Volume 1 and Volume 2 Templates have been provided with this solicitation however, use of these templates is optional for all proposal submissions to this RA. While proposers are encouraged to use these templates, it is not required; proposers may use their own format as long as all of the information requested in the templates is provided. Volume 1: Technical and Management Volume should not exceed 8 pages; technical figures, tables, and charts will count toward the page limit. The application package that is provided in Grants.gov will guide the proposer how to break down the cost. Also please note, budget justification should be provided in Section L of the SF-424 Research & Related Budget Form provided via Grants.gov.

10Q: Are you looking for researchers and/or writers?

10A: Primarily we are looking for researchers, but writing skills will be a significant advantage.

9Q: Do you expect "preliminary results as part of the submission" or "problem definition, an architecture outline, proposed work plan is good enough at this stage and the implementation will be part of the Grant work plan"?

9A: We do not need preliminary results.

8Q: Could you provide the complete announcement URL or document?

8A: The RA announcement can be accessed via link below. Please click on the "*Related Documents*" tab to access the full announcement and the supplemental documentation. [DARPA-RA-18-01 Polyplexus Pilot](#).

7Q: Could you provide sample or outline of the proposal as expected by the DARPA/DSO?

7A: Please refer to Section IV of the RA for Application and Submission Information.

6Q: Does the Polyplexus platform ultimately lead to a selection of abstracts that are then to be submitted on June 1 – meaning the abstracts are ‘invited’?

6A: Please refer to Part II.C Program Description/Scope Section of the RA. A proposer must register for the Polyplexus Pilot and be a Polyplexus participant in order to submit an abstract and/or a proposal.

5Q: Where can I locate the Proposers Day Webcast?

5A: The Proposers Day Webcast can be viewed by visiting the following link:

<https://youtu.be/mfCKwOO5Gr8>

4Q: I was able to view some of the micro-pubs for the first time (I had tried before but nothing appeared). Most of these are from the natural sciences. I (and probably other users who are not in natural sciences) could use more guidance about the kinds of facts you are interested in. The ones that are there seem quite random. They are also focused on quantitative, empirical results. Is this a requirement? If not, could you provide an example of a good micro-pub from the humanities or qualitative social science research?

4A: There is no requirement for evidence to come from the natural sciences. We think about evidence as a rigorous endeavor and we encourage citation of published papers or preprints (on public servers) sourced from peer-reviewed primary literature. The evidence publication should reflect the new knowledge which prompted the authors to generate the communication or in the case of a naive reader, the new knowledge which they took from the publication.

3Q: Are U.S. Industries precluded from working on this effort? Is it only for government and academia?

3A: The Polyplexus Pilot is limited to educational institutions. The second phase of the pilot program is expected to include participation with Industry and is anticipated to be launched in Jan 2019.

2Q: Can research communities outside of the United States participate?

2A: Non-US persons can participate in the effort as long as all other criteria is met. Please refer to Section III of the RA for additional Eligibility Information.

1Q: Is an incumbent contract or contractor associated to the requirement. If any, please provide the contractor's name and contract number.

1A: No, there is not an incumbent contract or contractor requirement for this effort.