DARPA Overview

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DARPA’s mission

Breakthrough Technologies and Capabilities for National Security

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**Microelectronics** VLSI, CAD, manufacturing, IR, RF, MEMS

**ARPAnet/ Internet**

**Information Technology** Timesharing, client/server, graphics, GUI, RISC, speech recognition

**Materials Science** Semiconductors, superalloys, carbon fibers, composites, thermoelectrics, ceramics

DARPA’s role: Pivotal early investments that change what’s possible
DEFEND THE HOMELAND
- Cyber deterrence
- Countering hypersonics
- Bio threat detection and mitigation
- Defense against WMT

DETER & PREVAIL AGAINST HIGH-END ADVERSARIES
- Long-range effects
- Mosaic Warfare
- Control of the EM spectrum
- Robust space

EFFECTIVELY PROSECUTE STABILIZATION EFFORTS
- Warrior performance
- Countering gray warfare
- 3D city-scale operations
- Behavior modeling and influence

FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH
- Alternative computing
- Engineered biology
- Electronics Resurgence Initiative (ERI)
- Artificial Intelligence Next Campaign

Understanding complexity, composable systems, advanced materials and electronics, trusted hardware and software, human-machine symbiosis, 3rd wave artificial intelligence, data and social science, new computing, and engineered biology.

Increasing the pace of developing technologies and capabilities for the U.S. and allied warfighter
DARPA Technical Offices

BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE
- Biology for security
  - Outpacing infectious disease
- Neurotechnology
- Gene editing & synthetic biology

DEFENSE SCIENCES OFFICE
- Frontiers in math, computation & design
- Limits of sensing & sensors
- Complex social systems
- Anticipating surprise

INFORMATION INNOVATION OFFICE
- Symbiosis: partner with machines
- Analytics: understand the world
- Cyber: deter cyber attack

MICROSYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
- Electronics: drive solutions for DoD access and infrastructure
- Spectrum: focus on usability of highly-adaptive systems
- Sensors: enable high-end capabilities to proliferate into the field

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
- Lethality: resilient killchains over invulnerable systems
- Surprise: heterogeneity over uniformity
- Continuous speed: agility and adaptability over performance

TACTICAL TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
- Enterprise disruption: platforms, systems, and technologies that enable new warfighting constructs
- Crosscutting themes
  - Eliminate high-value assets
  - Exploit cross-domain seams
  - Enable decision-making asymmetry

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DARPA: Create and prevent technological surprise

DSO—"DARPA’s DARPA"
- Creates opportunities from scientific discovery
- Invests in multiple, often disparate, scientific disciplines--everywhere the rest of DARPA is, and more
- Focuses on mission-informed research

DSO: The Nation’s first line of defense against scientific surprise
Current DSO Thrust Areas

**Limits of Sensing & Sensors**
(quantum sensing, imaging through scattering media, novel light matter interactions, 3D scene reconstruction)

**Complex Social Systems**
(new social science tools and methodologies, human-machine teaming, wargaming, deterrence)

**Anticipating Surprise**
(WMD/WMT detection, materials for harsh environments, advanced manufacturing, autonomy)

Frontiers in Math, Computation & Design
(quantum information processing, alternative computing, foundational AI science, design tools)
How We Think: The Heilmeier Catechism

Important questions to consider when approaching DARPA with ideas:

• What are you trying to do?
• How is it done today and who does it? What are the limitations of the present approaches?
• What is new about our approach, and why do we think it will succeed?
• If we succeed, what difference will it make?
• How long do we think it will take?
• What are our mid-term and final exams?
• How much will it cost?
Young Faculty Award (YFA)

Identify and engage **rising stars** in junior research positions, emphasizing those without prior DARPA funding, and expose them to DoD needs and DARPA’s program development process.

The YFA program provides:
- Research funding
- DoD contacts
- Military visits/exercises
- PM Mentor

The YFA program yields:
- Insight into DoD problems
- Novel ideas
- Career development
- Future DARPA performers

Develop the next generation of academic scientists, engineers, and mathematicians who will focus a significant portion of their career on DoD and National Security issues.
Disruptioneering is a DSO rapid acquisition approach to increasing the speed of innovation:

- High risk concept exploration
- Acquisition tailored to speed (idea to program in 90 days)

“Harness and protect the National Security Innovation Base”
“Deliver performance at the speed of relevance”
– National Defense Strategy
Artificial Intelligence Exploration (AIE)

AIE will enable DARPA to fund pioneering AI research to discover new areas where R&D programs may be able to advance the state of the art.

- The pace of discovery in AI science and technology is accelerating worldwide.
- The AI Exploration (AIE) program is part of DARPA’s broader AI investment strategy that will help ensure the U.S. maintains a technological advantage in this critical area.

This new approach enables DARPA to go from idea inception to exploration in fewer than 90 days!
“The flying machine which will really fly might be evolved by the combined and continuous efforts of mathematicians and mechanicians in from one million to ten million years”
  • The New York Times
  • 9 October 1903

“We started assembly today”
  • Orville Wright’s Diary
  • 9 October 1903
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Engagement with DARPA

PM Mentors: Each YFA Awardee has a PM Mentor with closely aligned research interests.

Annual YFA Kick-off/ PI Meeting: The annual meeting provides networking opportunities and presentations from DARPA Technical Offices, military liaisons, and industry representatives.

Military Visits: YFA Awardees have the opportunity to visit military installations, defense-relevant research facilities, or participation in training exercises.

Participation in Program Reviews: YFA awardees are invited to present their work at Program Review meetings, providing networking opportunities with PMs and other performers.

Director’s Fellowship Nominations: PM Mentors can nominate YFA Awardees to receive an additional $500K Director’s Fellowship option.
Timeline and Funding for Awardees

- YFA grants have a 24 month period of performance
- Base awards are funded up to $250K per year ($500K max funding)
- Option - 12 month Director’s Fellowship ($500K max funding)
- In addition to funding selected proposals with YFA program funding, PMs may fund YFA proposals out of their core program funds or other means they might identify.

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YFA Eligibility Requirements

- Proposers must be one of the following (excluding any personal leaves of absence):
  - current Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professors;
  - current Tenured faculty within 3 years of their Tenure date; or
  - an equivalent at a non-profit research institution within 12 years of the receipt of their Ph.D.

- All proposers must be employed at a U.S. Institution.

- Previous YFA Award recipients are not eligible for this or any future YFA program.

- Former DARPA Program Managers are not eligible to apply for funding under this program.

- Researchers working at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and DoD and other Government Laboratories are not eligible to apply for funding under this program.
Research Announcement Inbox & FAQ

• Direct ALL Questions and Communication to RA Inbox
  YFA2020@darpa.mil

• DARPA will update the YFA FAQ on a regular basis

• It is recommended that you submit question(s) at least 15 days prior to the submission deadline listed in the RA

• These slides, an FAQ, and any other relevant information will be posted under the solicitation announcement on the DARPA Opportunities page

The Business of DARPA’s Young Faculty Awards

Lydia Richards
Contracting Officer
Contracts Management Office

YFA Proposers Day Webinar
Overview

- Understanding Research Announcements (RAs)
- Communicating your ideas
- Proposing to the YFA RA
- Important take-aways
RAs are used by DARPA to solicit proposals for assistance instruments, i.e. grants.

RAs are similar to Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs) in many ways:

- Solicit research and development proposals directed toward advancing the state-of-the-art.
- Describe a problem or general research area(s) of interest rather than providing a common work statement.
- Anticipate varying scientific/technical approaches.

RAs mainly differ from BAAs in that contracts and Other Transactions for Prototype may not be awarded and eligibility requirements differ.
Where to access the YFA RA

Find the YFA RA at:


http://www.grants.gov

www.fbo.gov

Anticipate RA release in August

• Executive Summary Due Date: September TBD
• FAQ Submission Deadline: November TBD
• Full Proposal Due Date: November TBD

DARPA is interested in revolutionary ideas that advance DoD’s mission
When and how to communicate with DARPA

- Deadline for questions: November TBD, 2019 4pm EST
- Via E-mail: If you have a question specific to the YFA RA, send it to YFA2020@darpa.mil

Program Managers recommend all research awarded by DARPA
An executive summary is a brief (1 page + cover) outline of the proposed research idea

- Succinctly summarize the effort and convey the problem space you will explore, expected impact, and method/approach you will use
- Include identifying information only on the cover page

Submission of executive summaries allows proposers to –

- Quickly ascertain whether the proposed concept is of interest to DARPA
- Save bid and proposal costs

If your proposal was not encouraged, it is less likely to receive funding
Executive Summaries are strongly encouraged for this solicitation

Executive summaries will include:

A. Topic Area
B. Title
C. Summary of effort
D. Intro/Background
E. Impact
F. Methods/Approach

• 1 page limit - required to use provided templates

• Do not include identifying information of the PI, Organization, or Team Members on this page. All identifying information should be included on the Cover Sheet pages and the optional Bibliography, only

• You may submit a full proposal even if you did not submit an Executive Summary

• You may submit multiple Executive Summaries – not to exceed 1 per Topic

DARPA will respond to executive summaries with a statement as to whether DARPA is interested in receiving a full proposal. No additional feedback will be provided.
How do I write a Successful Full Proposal?

- Follow ALL directions in the RA
  - The YFA RA includes content/formatting/submission requirements
  - Non-conforming proposals will not be reviewed and will not be eligible for award
- Include a straightforward, concise description of the technical solution and a fully supported cost proposal
- Ensure your proposal responds to the Heilmeier Questions
Nonconforming proposals may be rejected without review

1. Official Transmittal Letter
2. Summary Slide (See Attachment E)
3. Executive Summary
4. Goals and Impact
5. Technical Plan
6. Management Plan
7. Personnel, Qualifications, and Commitments
8. Capabilities
9. Statement of Work
10. Schedule and Milestones
11. Bibliography

Use the Heilmeier Questions as a tool for communicating your ideas: https://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/heilmeier-catechism

You may NOT submit multiple Proposals; PIs may only submit 1 proposal to the RA
• Each award will include:
  • 24-month base period (maximum of $500,000)
  • 12-month option period (maximum of $500,000).

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Provide total effort cost broken down by major cost items to include: labor costs, materials, travel, consultants, subcontracts, other direct charges (ODCs), indirect costs (overhead, fringe, general and administrative (G&A)), and any proposed fee for the project. Proposals responding to the RA must provide costs broken down by Contractor Fiscal Year.
Full proposals requesting a grant must use the following Attachments in addition to the Grants.gov application package.

- Attachment B: Proposal Template - Technical and Management Volume 1
- Attachment C: Cost Breakdown Template
- Attachment D: Proposal Template - Administrative and National Policy Requirements
- Attachment E: Proposal Template summary slide

Attachment F, Proposal Template Cost Volume 2 is optional; however a Budget Justification should be provided as Section L of the SF 424 Research and Related Budget form provided via Grants.gov. The Budget Justification should include the following information for the recipient and all subawardees:

1. Direct Labor: Detail the total number of persons and their level of commitment for each position listed (in sections A and B), as well as which specific tasks (as described in the SOW) they will support.
2. Equipment (section C) Provide an explanation for listed requested equipment exceeding $5,000, properly justifying their need to meet the objectives of the program.
3. Travel (section D) Provide the purpose of the trip, number of trips, number of days per trip, departure and arrival destinations, number of people, etc.
4. Other Direct Costs (section F). Provide a justification for the items requested and an explanation of how the estimates were obtained.

Section L of the SF 424 is still required even if you submit Cost Volume 2 – Attachment F
Administrative and National Policy Requirements (Attachment D)

- Team Member Identification
- Requirements for teams that include Government Entities and/or Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDCs)
  - Proof of Eligibility to Propose
  - Statement of Unique Capability
- Organizational Conflict of Interest Affirmations and Disclosure
- Intellectual Property
  - Technical Data and Computer Software
  - Patents
- Human Subjects Research (HSR)
- Animal Use
- Representations Regarding Unpaid Delinquent Tax Liability or a felony Conviction under Any Federal Law

Attachment D has no page limit
Teaming

To fully address the RA you might need to team with other entities

- You must find collaborators on your own
- Your team should submit a unified proposal under a single PI
- You may team with educational institutions, government labs, and/or private companies **up to no more than 30% of total grant value**
- Non-U.S. organizations may NOT participate in any capacity
- Non-U.S. individuals who are employed by a U.S institution may participate
- Note that the cost documentation for each team member must be at the same level of detail as for the PI
What are the Evaluation Criteria and Relative Importance?

• Evaluation criteria are listed in descending order of importance

• YFA RA criteria are:
  • Overall Scientific and Technical Merit
  • Potential Contribution and Relevance to the DARPA Mission
  • Cost Realism

• Proposals contain unique solutions - they are not compared one to another
How do I send My Submission to DARPA?

- Grants proposals: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- All executive summaries: [https://baat.darpa.mil](https://baat.darpa.mil)
- Mail/Hand-carry full proposal submission: See instructions in the RA
How can I get Answers to Questions about the RA?

- Send all questions (technical, contractual, administrative) about the RA to the email listed in the RA: YFA2020@darpa.mil

- FAQs will be posted under the RA at http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities (filter by “Defense Sciences Office”)
Once proposal evaluations are complete, proposers will be notified whether or not their proposal was selected for award negotiation:

- Successful proposers will be contacted by a contracting officer to begin negotiations.
- Proposals may be selected for partial funding.
- Grants are the only type of award under the YFA RA.
- Award is subject to successful negotiation and availability of funds.
What are the Most Important Take-aways?

- Read the RA and follow the instructions
- Answer the Heilmeier Questions
- Start with an Executive Summary
- Ensure proposal is “conforming”
- Be concise, but detailed
- Do not submit proposals for ongoing work that do not comply with RA
- Do not submit proposals for work already funded by another agency
- Ask questions if you don’t understand
• **Overall Scientific and Technical Merit**

The proposed technical approach is innovative, feasible, achievable, and complete. The proposed technical team has the expertise and experience to accomplish the proposed tasks. Task descriptions and associated technical elements provided are complete and in a logical sequence with all proposed deliverables clearly defined such that a final outcome that achieves the goal can be expected as a result of award. The proposal identifies major technical risks and planned mitigation efforts are clearly defined and feasible. The proposed schedule aggressively pursues performance metrics in an efficient time frame that accurately accounts for the anticipated workload.
Potential Contribution and Relevance to the DARPA Mission

The potential contributions of the proposed effort bolster the national security technology base, and support DARPA’s mission to make pivotal early technology investments that create or prevent technological surprise. The proposed intellectual property restrictions (if any) will not significantly impact the Government’s ability to transition the technology.
Evaluation Criteria

• Cost Realism
The proposed costs are realistic for the technical and management approach and accurately reflect the technical goals and objectives of the solicitation. The proposed costs are consistent with the proposer's Statement of Work and reflect a sufficient understanding of the costs and level of effort needed to successfully accomplish the proposed technical approach. The costs for the prime proposer and proposed subawardees are substantiated by the details provided in the proposal (e.g., the type and number of labor hours proposed per task, the types and quantities of materials, equipment and fabrication costs, travel and any other applicable costs and the basis for the estimates).
Frequently Asked Questions

10 Minute Break
1Q: I am interested in submitting a proposal to the 2020 YFA Research Announcement (RA), but my research topic does not fall under any of the Topic Areas (TAs). Does DARPA encourage proposals outside of these TAs?

1A: Unfortunately, no. If you feel that your research is not directly related to one of the topic areas, you may look into submitting a proposal to another active DARPA solicitation, including the DARPA Office-wide Broad Agency Announcements (http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/office-wide-broad-agency-announcements). It is important to note that any such submission cannot be referred to as a "YFA" proposal. Prior to any submission, you should carefully review technical area description to ensure the proposed concept is in line with that solicitation and/or office’s technology investment portfolio.
2Q: My idea fits into multiple topic areas. May I submit to multiple topic areas and/or submit multiple applications?

2A: You may submit only one YFA executive summary per TA and only one full proposal to the RA (total). Proposers must specify ONE and only one TA for their full proposal submission and identify this on the cover page. If your research idea spans multiple topics, then you should choose one, best-suited topic for that idea. Do not submit the same idea to multiple topic areas. DARPA reserves the right to assign proposals to a different topic area than indicated by the proposer.
3Q: My proposed idea is [insert research idea]. Is this of interest? Can I get confirmation that my research fits within the scope of one of the TAs in the RA?

3A: Proposers are strongly encouraged to submit an executive summary in advance of a full proposal to determine DARPA’s interest and minimize the effort and expense of preparing an out of scope proposal. If proposers have technical questions about a TA that can be shared with the general public via the FAQ, they can submit those questions to the YFA2020@darpa.mil inbox for response.
4Q: Under what topic area is my research most applicable?

4A: It is up to you to choose the most appropriate TA for your proposed research. Please note that DARPA reserves the right to assign proposals to a different TA than that which was indicated by the proposer.
5Q: Will the YFA solicitation go out every year, and will the topic areas vary over the years?

5A: We are unable to make good-faith predictions about future solicitations. While this program has received positive feedback in the past, the future of the program depends on the availability of funding. The topic areas for YFA solicitations tend to vary, but are designed to meet the needs of DARPA Program Managers at the time that the solicitation is issued.
6Q: I would like to request a meeting with a specific YFA topic POC. Is this possible?

6A: No. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of responses to this RA, YFA topic POCs are unable to accommodate such meetings. However, if you have specific technical or administrative questions that may be shared with the general public, you may send them to YFA2020@darpa.mil.
7Q: Can I view a sample of a previously-awarded proposal?

7A: No.
8Q: What is the effort requirement for the PI? We plan on having other FTEs working on this project so we want to budget appropriately for the PI.

8A: DARPA cannot determine this for you. The PI’s level of effort should be substantial enough to ensure that the proposed research can be completed during the grant period.
9Q: Are preliminary results required, allowed but not required, or not allowed in this solicitation?

9A: Preliminary results are allowed but not required.
10Q: If proposers are intending to include human or animal use in their research study do they need to include a document detailing human or animal use?

10A: For projects anticipating human or animal use, proposals should briefly describe plans for Institutional Review Board (IRB) and/or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) review and approval. A description of these plans should be included in the proposal.
11Q: Does the limit of $500,000 for the Base Award include indirect costs?

11A: Yes.
12Q: May proposers include research students or visitors in the proposed travel budget?

12A: Proposers should submit a realistic and appropriate travel budget. If you propose a travel budget for multiple individuals you will be expected to justify this in the cost proposal. All requests for travel funding (for both the Principal Investigator and others) will be reviewed by the DARPA Program Manager as well as the Grants Officer for those proposals selected for award. Any requests for travel funding that are deemed excessive will likely be reduced during negotiations, if selected. Please also note, foreign travel cost can be proposed, but justification will need to be provided. Please read the RA very carefully regarding guidance for travel costs.
13Q: Is there a DARPA list of labor categories and associated qualifications I can use in my cost proposal?

13A: There is no such list maintained by DARPA. You may use the categories established by your institution.
14Q: Is a Letter of Support from the University Department Head required for the full proposal submission?

14A: No. However, an official transmittal letter is required for a full proposal submission. This is typically a brief, signed statement from an official at the submitter's organization (perhaps a Director of Research or Sponsored Programs) in support of the research proposed. Please reach out to your University’s Office of Sponsored Research for further information and guidance.
15Q: If I took a leave of absence (i.e. maternity, sabbatical, etc.) within 3 years of being hired or promoted to a tenure position, should this period be included in the 3 year window?

15A: Situations like this are highly case-dependent. If the institution has approved leaves of absence, these dates may be listed on the cover sheet of the submission under “PI’s Approved Leaves of Absence, if any.” DARPA will only accept the official tenure start date according to the university. If the time between the tenure start date and full proposal submission deadline exceeds the 3 year eligibility window, DARPA will expect to see the excess amount justified in the approved leaves of absence section. Failure to provide any/all relevant information relating to the PI’s eligibility on the cover page of the submission may result in the proposal being determined non-conforming and subject to rejection without review.
16Q: Is it recommended for proposers to include a budget for the Director’s Fellowship in the third year?

16A: Yes. The proposer should include cost information as defined by the RA, for both the base and Director’s Fellowship Option. Note that there is a maximum budget of $500,000 the Director’s Fellowship. If a proposer does not include a Director’s Fellowship Option in the proposal, they may not add the option later should the proposal be selected for funding.
17Q: Should we include a budget for equipment, and is there a funding limitation on equipment purchases?

17A: If you will need to purchase equipment to perform your research, then it should be included in your budget via a priced Bill-of-Materials. (All equipment priced at over $5,000 requires supporting documentation, such as a vendor quote.) There is no specific limit for equipment purchases; however, your total budget for the 24-month base period cannot exceed $500,000.
18Q: I am [a non-U.S. citizen/ a Permanent Resident/ Green Card holder/ etc.]; can I apply to YFA if I meet eligibility requirements? Do I need to be able to obtain a security clearance to be eligible for YFA?

18A: There is no language in the RA prohibiting a non-U.S. citizen/Permanent Resident/Green Card holder/etc. from applying to this RA; all such persons MAY apply to this RA as long as the application comes from a U.S. institution. It is NOT a requirement of the RA that proposers be eligible to obtain a U.S. security clearance. Non-U.S. citizens who are employed at non-U.S. organizations may NOT participate in the YFA program in any capacity.
19Q: I am considering applying to other Young Investigator programs sponsored by other agencies. Does that disqualify me from proposing to (or being selected for) the DARPA YFA grant?

19A: No. Submission to other programs by DARPA or other agencies is not restricted. Recipients of non-YFA DARPA awards are eligible to propose. Proposers must provide a listing of federal support (past, current, and pending). This list must include the sponsor, amount, and performance dates of all federally-funded research efforts. Please note that proposals previously funded by other agencies should NOT be submitted to the RA.
20Q: The RA specifies single-investigator proposal only. Am I allowed to include subcontractors, vendors, or other faculty members, if they are included in a supporting role, and not listed as a Co-PI?

20A: This RA solicits single Principal Investigator (PI) proposals; no co-PIs are allowed. However, investigators will be given the opportunity to propose teaming if the nature of the proposal requires it. Combined, teaming and subcontract awards will be limited to no more than 30% of the total grant value. Specific content, communications, networking, and team formation will be the sole responsibility of the participants. Non-U.S. citizens who are employed at non-U.S. organizations may NOT participate in the YFA program in any capacity.
21Q: I see that researchers working at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and DoD and other Government Laboratories are not eligible to apply for funding under this program as Principal Investigators. Can proposers team with these organizations for support?

21A: Yes. Principal Investigators can choose to team with Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and DoD and other Government Laboratories, not to exceed 30% of the total grant value.
22Q: Is a Ph.D. required?

22A: Current Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professors, and Tenured faculty within 3 years of their Tenure date are NOT required to have Ph.D. However, an equivalent at a non-profit research institution is required to be within 12 years of the receipt of their Ph.D. to be eligible for the YFA program.
23Q: I am a young investigator at a non-profit research institute that does not have Tenure-Track positions. Do I qualify as part of an equivalent non-profit research institution?

23A: If the proposer is from a non-profit science and technology research institution a determination of eligibility must be made using the following guidance:

- The appointment must be a continuing appointment (soft-money appointments and/or visiting appointments do not apply and will not be considered).
- If the employing organization DOES NOT offer Tenure-Track appointments, then the PI must be within 12 years of the receipt of their Ph.D.
- If the employing organization DOES offer Tenure-Track appointments, then only current Tenure-Track associates and Tenured faculty within 3 years of their Tenure date are eligible for the YFA program.
24Q: If I am an Assistant Professor not in a Tenure-Track position (even though my institution offers tenure-track positions) am I eligible to submit a proposal?

24A: Unfortunately no; eligible applicants must be Tenure-Track or Tenured professors (or their equivalents) at the time of submission.
25Q: If I was previously in a Tenure-Track or Tenured position, but have changed universities and am currently in a Tenure-Track or Tenured position, am I still eligible to submit a proposal?

25A: Proposers must meet the eligibility requirements of the RA for current positions. Previous positions do not apply.