

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**  
**For DOE Lab Announcement LAB 18-1802**  
**US-Japan Program for Cooperation in High Energy Physics**

**Q1:** Is there an FOA for research institutions and non-DOE laboratories to which proposals can be submitted for support by the FY2018 US-Japan Cooperation Program in High Energy Physics?

**A1:** No. This year we made a major change to the manner in which proposals to the US-Japan Cooperation Program are to be submitted. Last year we followed the “collaboration” model, in which all institutions within a given collaboration submit identical proposals to DOE. In the “collaboration” model each university and lab in a selected collaboration separately receives its funding from DOE. In the alternative “consortium” model, which we have adopted this year, there is one designated lead institution within a consortium (the set of collaborating institutions) that submits a single proposal for the entire consortium. The lead institution is the home of the consortium PI; all other institutions have designated Co-Is. Upon selection, all DOE funds go to the lead institution, following which subawards are made by the lead institution to the other consortium institutions.

In the FY18 US-Japan Cooperation Program **only DOE labs may act as lead institutions**. Thus all other institutions must join consortia led by DOE labs in order to receive funding from this program.

**Therefore no FOA has been issued for universities or non-DOE laboratories** this year.

The above is discussed in the FY2018 US-Japan Cooperation Program Lab Announcement, LAB 18-1802, which can be found at the DOE/HEP website under Funding Opportunities.

**Q2:** How will renewals of currently-funded proposals be processed? Should we submit a new proposal or would a renewal be handled differently?

**A1:** All proposals may be submitted as new proposals. However, if a proposal continues the work of the original award made under the FY2017 US-Japan Cooperation Program, it may be submitted as a renewal proposal. The evaluation and selection processes for new and renewal proposals are the same.