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SPA SPARKS Session: Limited Submissions

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Limited Submissions

A limited submission is a funding opportunity that restricts how many proposals an institution can submit.

When interest exceeds the limit, institutions must run an internal selection process.



Examples

Application limits

You may not submit more than one application per Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). If you submit more than one application under the same UEI, we will only accept the last on-time submission.

More than one application may be submitted from the same organization under separate UEIs.

Communication within your organization is encouraged to prevent duplication and to promote collaboration.

ADA will accept up to two (2) nominations per institution with one (1) nomination spanning basic through preclinical research and one (1) nomination spanning clinical through public health research.

Eligibility Criteria

The following entities in Maryland are eligible to submit no more than one (1) application for the Competitive Victims of Crime Act (VOCA/VOCG) funding provided they meet the additional required eligibility below:

- Certified Rape Crisis Centers
- Certified Comprehensive Domestic Violence Programs
- Designated Child Advocacy Centers
- Local government Agencies
- Non-profit Faith-based Organizations
- Non-profit Institutes of Higher Learning
- Non-profit Victim Services Organizations
- State Government Agencies
- Designated Statewide Victim Service Coalitions





Limited Submission Funding Opportunities: UMB Internal Processes

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What is a limited submission funding opportunity?

Any funding opportunity or RFA where the sponsor limits the number of applications from each institute.

- The # of applications allowed per entity may be 1 or more but is limited.
- Sponsor may be federal, state, or private (foundations are the most common).
- Can be a Letter of Intent (LOI), pre-proposal, or full proposal.
- **An internal selection or coordination must take place to ensure that the institution does not submit more than the allowed # of applications.** *Submitting more than the allowed # of applications may cause all institutional applications to the RFA to be rejected.*

Internal tracking and coordination of UMB limited submission applications...

- Ensures that applications don't exceed the institutional limit and are responsive to the limited submission requirements.
- Ensures that the most competitive application is chosen for submission.
- Streamlines the submission process for SPA.
- Will help applicants interpret and clarify sponsor requirements.
- May strengthen an application by connecting expertise and resources across UMB units.
- **Is coordinated by the UMSOM Office of Research Affairs (SOM ORA).**

What is the internal process for applying to a limited submission?

Contact the UMSOM Office of Research Affairs.

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- Contact SOM ORA **as soon as you identify a limited submission RFA.**
 - Provide the RFA for the LS funding opportunity.
 - Which units want to apply?
- SOM ORA will coordinate internal communications or processes **across UMB units** to ensure that the number of allowed applications is not exceeded.
- How SOM ORA manages the internal LS process is determined by the RFA topic, eligibility requirements, and timing.

LS Opportunities for biomedical R&D

SOM ORA regularly tracks and proactively disseminates many recurring RFAs for LS funding opportunities related to biomedical R&D.

- Typically sponsored by foundations or announced under special NIH or other federal RFAs
- May be broad in scope or directed toward specific research topics or investigator career stages

SOM ORA will manage the internal selection of LS applicants for these opportunities or assist UMB units that have subject-matter expertise in the selection process, as appropriate.

Potential applicants must engage in the internal application and selection process that is set up for the funding opportunity.

Internal Process: LS Applications for Biomedical R&D

RFA Posted

Agency/foundation posts limited submission RFA

Internal Notice

SOM ORA distributes the RFA to relevant UMB units and announces an internal competition

Internal Selection

SOM ORA manages internal applications for review and selection

- SOM ORA will disseminate the RFA and details about the internal selection process to relevant UMB school units and eligible faculty or investigators, based on the RFA requirements.
- SOM ORA will assemble a scientific committee to review brief internal applications to select the most competitive proposal(s).
- SOM ORA will coordinate with SPA and/or the sponsor to ensure that the applicant is properly nominated and designated as the institutional applicant.

UMB applicant

SOM ORA notifies the selected institutional applicant

Application Submission

SOM ORA will notify SPA and the sponsor of applicant selection, as appropriate

Internal Process: LS Applications for Biomedical R&D

How are notices for biomedical R&D LS distributed internally?

- Based on eligibility and topic, as stipulated in the RFA.
- To the appropriate leadership of relevant UMB units.
- To specific faculty, investigators, and trainees, as appropriate.

LS for Broad Biomedical Topics

- SOD, SON, SOP Research Deans
- SOM Chairs
- Institute and ORC Directors

LS for Early-Stage Faculty

- SOD, SON, SOP Research Deans
- SOM Chairs
- Institute and ORC Directors
- CARTI
- junior faculty

LS for Postdocs and Students

- OPS and GPILS

LS for Specific Research Topics

- SOD, SON and SOP Research Deans, Chairs, Division Chiefs, Institute and ORC Directors, as appropriate.
- Faculty with topic-related research.

Cancer-related LS

- UMGCC Research Admins

Neuroscience-related LS

- UM-MIND Program Admin

LS Opportunities that do not involve biomedical R&D

- Typically sponsored by state and federal agencies

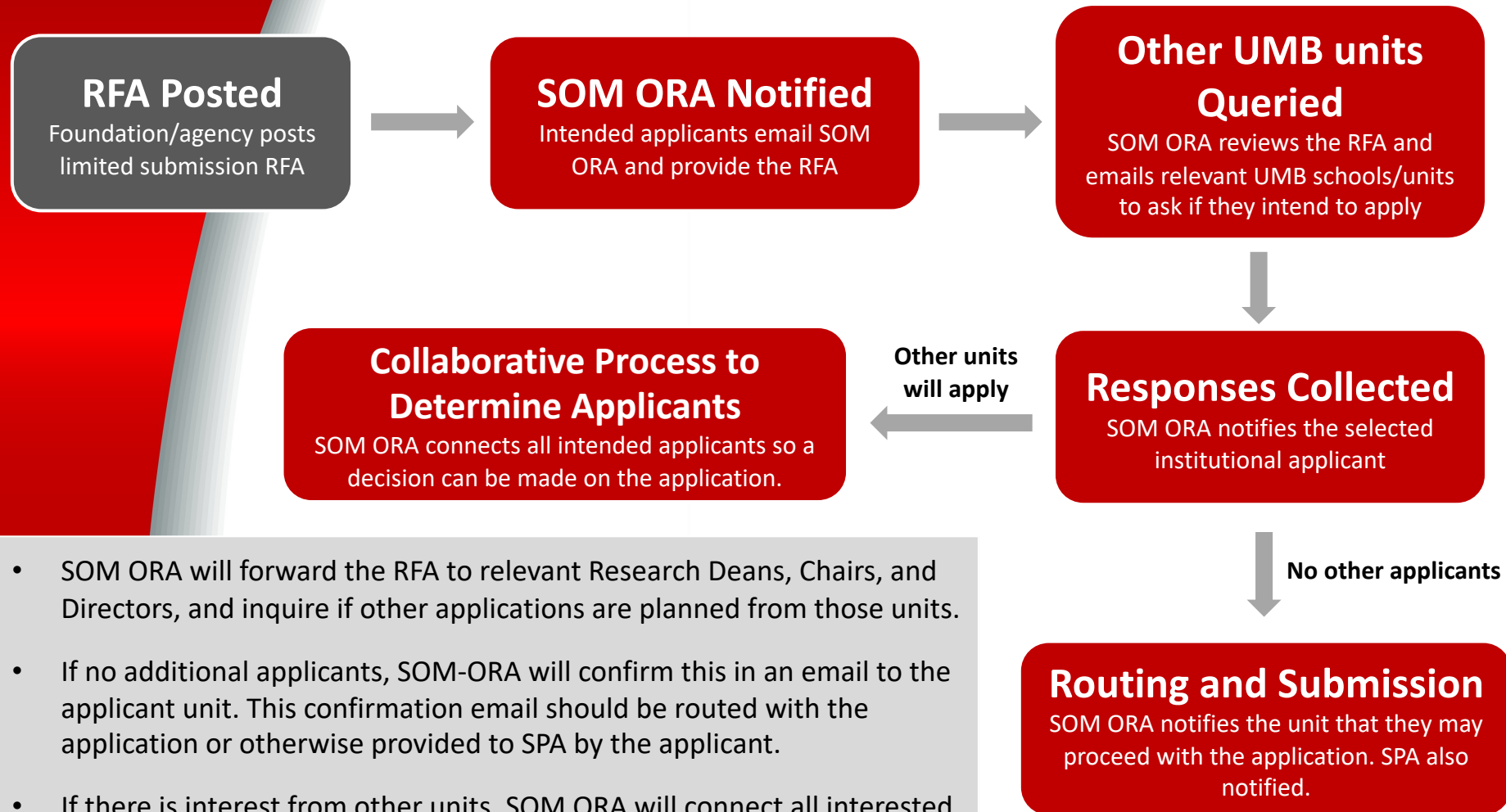
May Involve:

- Services
- Workforce Development and Training
- Community Partnerships

SOM ORA may not regularly track these types of LS funding opportunities- make sure to notify us ASAP if you hope to apply.

We will assist in ensuring that the limited submission requirements are met and coordinate selection of the UMB applicant.

Internal Process: LS Applications Not Involving Biomedical R&D



- SOM ORA will forward the RFA to relevant Research Deans, Chairs, and Directors, and inquire if other applications are planned from those units.
- If no additional applicants, SOM-ORA will confirm this in an email to the applicant unit. This confirmation email should be routed with the application or otherwise provided to SPA by the applicant.
- If there is interest from other units, SOM ORA will connect all interested parties so they can consider a unified application. Selection among competing applications may require input from appropriate stakeholders and leadership, and SOM ORA will coordinate this.

Special Considerations

- Special limited submission applications may be managed differently by UMB leadership.
 - The Carnegie Fellows Program is managed by the Provost's Office.
- UMB is considered the “institution” but there may be exceptions or caveats to institutional eligibility.
 - Some LS sponsors publish a list of eligible institutions or will only invite applications.
 - Some sponsors may allow each UMB school to be defined as an “institution”.
 - SPA and SOM ORA will determine eligibility and advise.

Most Important Points

- Read the RFA carefully to determine if it is a limited submission.
- Contact SOM ORA as soon as you identify limited submission language in the RFA.
- Institutional eligibility may be unclear; SPA and SOM ORA will interpret this.

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