

Q: Is this the first time this summer program is being run?

A: The KGSP has run various types of STEM summer programs hosted by U.S. university partners in the past.

Q: Is the idea that the students would be placed in a particular place for their 2-year program and would travel from that place to the host institution for the duration of the summer program?

A: KGSP students are full-time undergraduate students at U.S. institutions on F1 visas. For in-person summer programs, students would travel to the host institution to participate in the STEM Summer Experience.

Q: Is there a budget ceiling?

A: Proposals will be evaluated based on quality of offering as well as price. The KGSP is seeking proposals that will offer the greatest return on investment in terms of qualifications, proposed programming and student support, and other factors as specified in the RFP.

Q: Is there a preferred budget template for this application, or do you accept budgets in other formats?

A: There is not a specific template for the costs to be presented in the proposal. However, the RFP does list which specific costs would be allowable, and requests that the proposal show the cost per student in addition to the total program cost. If cost per student changes as proposed enrollment scales up or down, that is useful to provide.

Q: The RFP does not indicate a maximum budget amount that would be considered. Would it be possible to provide us with an average program cost from past years, so that we have a sense of the level of funding you would consider supporting?

A: The KGSP has sponsored past summer programs of varying cost, depending on a variety of factors such as length of program, content, location, level and specialization of provided support or instruction, materials, and other included amenities. The KGSP has not set a maximum budget for a summer program and is open to reviewing all submitted proposals, but selection will include a comparison of received proposal offerings and price.

Q: Is there expectation that the programming would include any non-academic extracurricular activities for the students during the program? Would it strengthen the proposal to offer options for organized non-academic activities?

A: While non-academic extracurricular activities may be permitted and would be viewed favorably, these types of activities should not be included in the proposed budget.

Q: The RFP instructs not to include housing costs in the proposal, as “students make their own housing arrangements,” but it does indicate that housing options and costs should be included in the Statement of Work (SOW). So to be clear: housing should only be addressed in the SOW, not in the cost proposal, correct? Additionally, should we address both on and off campus housing options in the SOW (with costs of 2-bedroom accommodation option)?

A: Housing costs should not be included in the cost proposal. It would be useful to indicate in the SOW whether on campus housing would be an option for KGSP students visiting during the summer, and approximate costs, if known. It would also be helpful to include resources for further information about the recommended housing, whether on or off campus.

Q: Is it okay to set a preferred number of students for the program that we propose? For example, we would prefer 10 students minimum and 20 maximum.

A: Yes.

Q: If our proposal is selected, would our program be one of several enrichment opportunities across the US that KGSP students would have a choice of and sign up for? More specifically, do they self-select the program, or are they assigned to specific programs?

A: The number, size, and availability of programs sponsored by the KGSP for this summer is TBD based on proposals received, specialization of particular programs selected, and anticipated costs. Students will be matched by the KGSP with available programs based on area of specialization and/or level to facilitate student selection and placement in a summer program.