

## Questions from Chat Box - Q&A Host Webinar 9 Dec 2024

### Questions only - Answers are in the Webinar Recording (link)

Arismendi, Ivan (External)Monday 10:25 AM:

Given the scale and institutional commitment outlined in the LOI, it seems unlikely that individual PIs would have the authority to submit a proposal without approval from university-level administration. To secure this support, a rough estimate of the funding plan will be necessary. What is the anticipated annual funding required to sustain the center?

White, Seth M (External)Monday 10:25 AM:

The model is structured to have a primary Host with supporting Affiliates. Would the committee consider a co-equal host model? Thank you  
PI= principle investigator

Pracheil, Brenda M (External)Monday 10:26 AM:

same question as ivan on funding structure/available but for affiliate centers

Seth J Wenger (External)Monday 10:29 AM

Do you envision a cost recovery model in which training fees are an important part of the budget?

Julian Olden (External)Monday 10:31 AM:

How many host institute applicants will be selected for advancement to phase 2?

Saindon Velez, Darlene (External)Monday 10:32 AM

You mentioned AFWA, AFS, IFC and others coming as potential students to the program. Is the intent to be open access to anyone who wants to take classes: degree seeking, non-degree seeking, continuing education requirements, self interest.

Ben (Unverified)Monday 10:33 AM

Can you say more about one "physical" host?

Becca Winterringer (External)Monday 10:44 AM

What is a "Network Affiliate"?

(Depending on the answer) Will there be other opportunities to become a "Network Affiliate"?

What qualifications define a "network affiliate"? (Most of the guidance document was focused the host entity, and there wasn't clear differentiation between qualifications for a host and for a network affiliate.)

White, Seth M (External)Monday 10:44 AM

Do you envision the courses taught by affiliates to be all virtual, or also in-person as for the host institution? Nevermind, my question was just answered thank you

Orth, Donald (External)Monday 10:45 AM

Seth: there will have to be in person and virtual training opportunities when considering all elements

Arismendi, Ivan (External) Monday 10:45 AM

Based on your previous answer, can you clarify that 4 people is planned to be as core staff for the center? This will be important to estimate the physical space provided by the host

Saindon Velez, Darlene (External) Monday 10:46 AM

If we are interested in potentially collaborating with another group(s) to host do we need to send individual RFIQ submissions for each institution or a joint submission? Should we just mention possible host collaborations in our individual submissions. Is that staff hired and paid by the host institute?

Doug Austen (External) Monday 10:53 AM

From my perspective, a collaborative, joint proposal would be preferred.

Julian Olden (External) Monday 10:54 AM

When do you expect the Center to be launched at the new host?

Arismendi, Ivan (External) Monday 10:56 AM

there are people raising hands

Orth, Donald (External) Monday 10:56 AM

but classes need taught asap

Saindon Velez, Darlene (External) Monday 11:07 AM

If a joint proposal for collaborations is preferred at this stage, would those organizations also be able to submit a separate individual RFIQ response. Example: if an organization feels strong as an individual host, but would add value with collaboration.

White, Seth M (External) Monday 11:18 AM

As everyone is aware, many so-called "competitors" interested in this center are actually quite close collaborators. Would you consider selecting the final hosts/affiliates in phase 2 using a deliberative (e.g., round table) process rather than a competitive approach?

Orth, Donald (External) Monday 11:19 AM

Thanks to all who participated.. and to Christopher and Lauren for organizing

Carton de Grammont, Paloma (External) Monday 11:43 AM

I will send this question via email too, but so that everyone else can see it: Based on the history of the Cooperative Instream Flow Service Group, can you provide an estimate of the number of students or clientele that the proposed Center is expected to serve?