



Questions & Answers from 2025 Odyssey Pre-Application Informational Session, 11/20/2024

Q: Does the Smith Odyssey Award focus on a particular funding area?

A: No, the Smith Odyssey Award funds a wide range of topics focused on basic or translational biomedical research.

Q: Can you describe the experience of the review committee? Do we need to tailor the LOI to a more lay audience?

A: The scientific review committee is composed of experts from diverse disciplines. Please keep in mind that an expert in your field may not be reading your application. Ensure expected _____, as ideas are meant to be innovative and novel?

A: The 'preliminary data' presented must be able to demonstrate feasibility of the proposed project, along with the appropriate personnel capable of carrying out the project.

Q: Do we need to have worked with our listed collaborators in the past?

A: Although not required, collaborators are a positive ancillary factor. They do not need to be somebody that you have worked with in the past.

Q: Does the two-submission limit refer to the Initial or Full application?

A: It refers to a two-submission limit for the initial stage. We do provide reviewer comments back to applicants