

Frequently Asked Questions

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Application Submission Questions

Q1: I've started the application creation/submission process. How do I find what I started and see where it is in the process?

A1: In order to see applications that you have in process, login to your account. See the "All Applications" drop-down menu for your list of applications.

Q2: How can I verify that my application has been submitted?

A2: Once an application has been submitted, under "All Applications" the application will show a green check mark box that says "Submitted." **Ultimately, it is your responsibility, and not TRISH's, to verify that your application has been officially submitted by the application due date.**

Q3: Do character limits include spaces?

A3: Yes, character limits include spaces.

Q4: Can one organization submit more than one application?

A4: There is no limit on how many applications an organization may submit.

Q5: Can I request an extension for submitting my application?

A5: Extensions will not be given. It is strongly suggested that you begin your application preparation early and familiarize yourself with the solicitation and TRISH Grant Research Integrated Dashboard (GRID).

Q6: Where do I submit my proposal?

A6: You must submit your proposal via TRISH GRID. This solicitation can be found here: https://spacehealth.bcm.edu/prog/2026_expand_data_analysis

Q7: Can one single Primary Investigator (PI) submit multiple proposals?

A7: There is no limit on the number of proposals submitted as PI or listed as Co-Investigator.

Q8: How many submissions are expected?

A8: TRISH does not provide confidential information regarding the number of proposals submitted.

Q9: Can a link to a video be included in an application?

A9: Yes, a video link can be included in the application. Please note that reviewers are not required to view and/or consider web links in their evaluation of the proposal .

Q10: If the idea submitted would have Intellectual Property (IP) application on Earth, what safety measures does the process have in place to protect the company's IP?

A10: TRISH follows the NASA guidelines regarding intellectual property. Please refer to Section G.4.b copied here: "Institutions awarded TRISH funding must report each invention disclosure or patent application resulting from their TRISH research grant to both TRISH and NASA within 60 days of investigator disclosure to the home institution. Please also refer to the NASA Guidebook for Proposers: ([https://www.nasa.gov/offices/ocfo/gpc/regulations and guidance](https://www.nasa.gov/offices/ocfo/gpc/regulations_and_guidance)).

Q11: I just submitted a similar grant to another funding organization. Can I also apply to this solicitation?

A11: TRISH does not restrict the number of submissions for a similar proposal submitted at the same time as to other funding organizations. We recommend that you also check with the other funding organization regarding their guidelines on this matter.

Q12: Are Letters of Collaboration or Support required? I am unable to mark the task as complete.

A12: Letters of Collaboration or Support are optional. However, you will not be able to mark the task as complete unless the proposer uploads a file. Simply click away from the task and you will be able to submit the proposal without uploading any letters.

Eligibility Questions

Q1: Who is eligible to submit proposals?

A1: All categories of United States (U.S.) institutions and companies are eligible to submit proposals. Principal Investigators (PIs) may collaborate with universities, the private sector, and federal, state, and local government laboratories.

Q2: Why is this RFP limited to U.S.-based institutions?

A2: The dataset includes a newly collected cohort and for this initial access, TRISH is restricted in data sharing with researchers based at international institutions at this time. The Institute is working closely with NASA to expand access internationally. While this RFP is not open to researchers based at non-U.S. institutions, we anticipate future opportunities may broaden eligibility. We appreciate your patience as we move toward making the data available internationally to health researchers with scientific hypotheses.

Q3: Are participants required to be registered in the system for award management (SAM)?

A3: Proposers considering applying must be registered in the system for award management (SAM) database. It is recommended that new registrations on SAM are started as soon as possible (at least 30 business days) in advance of any due dates to allow sufficient time to complete SAM registration before registering in the TRISH Grant Research Integrated Dashboard (GRID - <https://spacehealth.bcm.edu/>). A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) will be issued as part of the SAM.gov registration process. An entity must provide its unique entity identifier (UEI) in each application it submits to TRISH.

Application Team Member Questions

Q1: Is there a required format for biographical sketches?

A1: A NIH or NSF biosketch format is acceptable, but there is no required format.

Q2: Do I need to list out the names and credentials of each of the research assistants, administrators, and/or students that will be working on the project?

A2: No, it is not necessary to list the names of all individuals working on the project. The principal investigator and co-investigator(s) should be clearly stated.

Q3: Should the application contain letters of support from key personnel that will be providing technical advice, or is it sufficient to describe their input as a collaborator within the research plan?

A3: Key personnel should be included on the cover page as team members and may signal their involvement through GRID or may provide letters of support in the biographical sketches section.

General Background Questions

Q1: How can I find more information about the latest spaceflight research results? What about current research?

A1: Please refer to the Evidence Reports found on the NASA's Human Research Roadmap: <https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/Evidence/>. Evidence Reports are provided that review the human risks to spaceflight. General research plans are available by reviewing the tasks within the Human Research Roadmap as well.

Lastly, the NASA Task Book also provides a summary of past and current NASA-funded studies going back to 2004 (including TRISH, NSBRI, HRP, and Space Life and Physical Sciences Research and Applications) <https://taskbook.nasaprs.com/Publication/welcome.cfm>.

Q2: How should I treat export-controlled material in my application?

A2: In general, applicants are advised against including export-controlled material. However, if it is essential to include any export-controlled information in an application, a notice to that effect must be prominently displayed on the first pages of the application and shall state: "The information (data) contained in [insert page numbers or other identification] of this application is (are) subject to U.S. export control laws and

regulations. It is furnished to the Government [and TRISH] with the understanding that it will not be exported without the prior approval of the Applicant under the terms of an applicable export license or technical assistance agreement.” Note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine whether any application information is subject to export-control regulations.

Q3: When will the funding decisions, regarding proposals, be made?

A3: Announcement of awards will be made in November 2026.

Q4: I cannot find the answers to my questions in the solicitation documents, the guidebook, or this FAQ. Who can I ask for assistance?

A4: Please ensure that you read both the TRISH solicitation and this FAQ in their entirety before contacting TRISH with questions. For additional information, please see <https://trish.my.site.com/s/concierge>.

Pre-Proposal Webinar Questions

Please note that some questions and answers have been altered or added to for the sake of clarity and completeness. Please consider this document to supersede answers given in the webinar where they may conflict. Questions that are duplicative or exclusively address topics other than this TRISH solicitation may have been removed.

Q1: Since no direct funding is provided, is coordination with a grant administrator/authorized organizational representative (AOR) required?

A1: Coordination requirements depend on institutional policies regarding submission of proposals. Consultation with the relevant grant administrator is recommended. If selected, execution of a data sharing agreement will be required, and such agreements must be signed by the institution.

Q2: Will exact numbers of available samples (e.g., blood samples at each time point) be provided?

A2: Specific quantities of biospecimens and datasets will not be defined at the proposal stage. Proposers are expected to formulate scientifically sound and feasible approaches that can be adapted to available data and sample resources. Final determination of accessible biospecimens and datasets will be made in coordination with selected awardees.

Q3: How many awardees will be selected?

A3: The number of awardees has not been predetermined and will depend on the quality and relevance of submitted proposals. Emphasis will be placed on alignment with NASA’s Human Research Roadmap risks and the overall strength of the proposed work.

Q4: Is inclusion of supporting or preliminary data recommended in proposals?

A4: Inclusion of supporting or preliminary data is encouraged where applicable.

Q5: Will examples of survey instruments or a data dictionary be provided?

A5: The solicitation includes an overview table describing available data types and their general composition. Additional details, such as specific survey instruments or

expanded data documentation, are not provided at this stage. Further inquiries may be submitted at <https://trish.my.site.com/s/concierge>.

Q6: Is HIPAA compliance required, particularly if protected health information (PHI) is involved?

A6: All data have been collected in accordance with standard clinical trial procedures and will be provided in de-identified form. All proposers must be willing to agree to and sign the TRISH Data Sharing Agreement posting alongside the RFP.

Q7: Are multi-institutional proposals permitted?

A7: Multi-institutional proposals are permitted. A single Principal Investigator (PI) must be designated. If awarded, all participating institutions will be required to sign the data sharing agreement. Institutional Review Board (IRB) will also be required for all entities accessing the data.

Q8: Is eligibility affected if team members graduate prior to project initiation?

A8: Eligibility is contingent upon institutional participation and leadership by a qualified PI. Proposers should consider project timelines, with award announcements anticipated in November and data access expected to begin in January 2027.

Specific Topic Questions

Q1: Does Table 1 represent all available data for EXPAND requests, and can multiple data types be requested together for hypothesis testing?

A1: The only data available for request are those listed in the solicitation, though availability may vary by mission. Requesting multiple data types (*i.e.*, VANTAN measurements and radiation monitoring) is allowed where it is necessary for testing hypotheses.

Q2: We are interested in the optical coherence tomography (OCT) imaging data collected for spaceflight associated neuro-ocular syndrome (SANS) surveillance. Was Enhanced Depth Imaging (EDI) used during OCT collection for all orbital missions, or was standard acquisition mode used?

A2: For SANS surveillance, all OCT raster scans were acquired using Enhanced Depth Imaging (EDI). The radial and circular scan are inherently not EDI.