

## Belmont Forum Call for Proposals Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Is it required that every proposal submitted to this call include a natural scientist, social scientist, and end user?**

Yes, the Belmont Forum supports the advancement of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science. Each proposal must include these three areas of expertise.

### **2. Is it necessary to have collaborators from three countries on every proposal?**

Yes, the Belmont Forum encourages multilateral collaborations. Each proposal should draw on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website.

### **3. Can I participate in a proposal if my national funding agency is not listed as a partner in this call?**

Yes, you may participate; however, you must bring your own funding/support to the effort. The proposal must still include expertise from the natural science, social science and end-user community and include researchers from three countries that are participating in the call, thereby drawing on three different funding/support sources listed on the call website.

### **4. Can a project include researchers from more than three countries?**

Yes. There is no upper limit on the number of countries participating in a project.

### **5. How can I find collaborators to meet the three-country, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary criteria for submission?**

The Belmont Forum supports an online matching utility, which can be found at <https://www.igfagcr.org/user/register>.

### **6. How can I be sure that my project meets the needs outlined in the national annexes on the call website?**

If you have questions about the suitability of your project to the call, please send an e-mail to the national contact persons of your collaborative team with a brief description of your collaborative project. Contact e-mail addresses for each partnering organization can be found in each of the national annexes.

### **7. Does each member of a collaborative project submit a different proposal for each collaborator?**

No, one proposal is submitted for each project. Proposals are submitted through the Belmont Forum Grant Operations (BFGO) System: <https://www.bfgo.org/>. Support for proposal submissions can be found through the BFGO website. Projects that are selected for funding may be required to submit documentation through their national/regional funding agencies' systems.

### **8. Are the funds available from these organizations pooled into a common pot?**

No, the funds and in-kind support made available by each country is maintained and administered by each organization. Collaborative proposals are reviewed jointly. Meritorious projects are supported by a minimum of three funding/support organizations through contemporaneous disbursement (i.e., Norwegian awardees would receive support from Norwegian organizations, Japanese awardees from Japanese organizations, and US organizations from US agencies).