

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 that your application can be understood by a non-expert.

Q: How much preliminary data is 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 at the end of the initial and full stage, regardless of your notification outcome.