

## Fermilab-University of Chicago Strategic Collaborative Initiative

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The office of the Vice-President for Research and National Laboratories (VPRNL) announces a new program of Strategic Collaborative Initiatives designed to provide support for collaborative research projects between University of Chicago faculty and Fermilab scientists/engineers. Proposals for collaborative projects that include researchers from Argonne National Laboratory will also be considered under this program.

### **The Program**

Research funded under this program will be new projects intended to provide the basis for future collaborative research between the University and the Laboratory. Support for ongoing work, or work being performed mainly by one of the principal investigators (PIs), will not be considered.

### **Criteria for Selection of Proposals**

Importance of the work; whether the collaboration creates a more powerful or convincing research program than could be achieved by working independently; and potential to achieve an ongoing collaboration.

### **Guidelines and Evaluation**

Proposals should be assembled and submitted utilizing the guidelines and forms found at <http://research.uchicago.edu>. They should clearly make the scientific case, identify PIs and other personnel, the resources existing in this and related areas, and the resources sought. There must be at least one applicant from each institution on each proposal and University applicants must be PI-eligible. Proposal budgets should be in the range of \$50k-\$100k for one year. Since this is a new program, proposals will be funded for only one year in the first instance; however, continued funding of an ongoing project for up to two additional years will be considered in subsequent proposal rounds. A total of \$250,000 is expected to be awarded each year in two annual competitions.

The Laboratory Director(s), the relevant Deans, and others as needed will evaluate the proposals and provide advice to the VPRNL regarding their relative merits. The final selection will be made by Sept. 1, 2007. Proposals that are not funded will remain on record for two subsequent rounds and will be considered in those rounds if the PIs make a written request for further consideration. At that time the PIs may either request consideration of the original proposal or may submit an updated proposal. On completion of the project, PIs will provide a brief written report on the scientific results of the project and on how the funds were used.

Proposals should be submitted electronically by pdf attachment to the Office of the VPRNL at the University of Chicago ([mesquive@uchicago.edu](mailto:mesquive@uchicago.edu)). The deadline for proposals is June 30, 2007. The second round will have a deadline of December 31, 2007. Additional questions should be directed to Larry Hill, Associate Vice President for National Laboratories, at [lhill@uchicago.edu](mailto:lhill@uchicago.edu) or 773-702-2060.