

Date: May 3, 2010

To: Pier Oddone, Director, FNAL
Bob Fefferman, Dean, PSD

From: Donald Levy, Vice President for Research and for National Laboratories

Re: Fermilab-University of Chicago Strategic Collaborative Initiative

I am pleased to announce the continuation of the Strategic Collaborative Initiative program that supports collaborative research projects between the University of Chicago faculty and Fermilab scientists/engineers. All proposals require a University of Chicago PI and Fermilab Scientist/Engineer; proposals that include researchers from Argonne National Laboratory (in addition to the University PI and Fermilab Scientist/Engineer) will also be considered.

The Program

Research funded will be new projects intended to provide the basis for future collaborative research between the University and the Laboratory. Ongoing projects that received support in year three of this program will also be considered for a second year of support.

Criteria for Selection of Proposals

Criteria include 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 and sustain an ongoing collaboration. Proposals for ongoing support should provide evidence of outstanding progress to date and clear potential for continued success.

Guidelines and Evaluation

Applications are due on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Application forms and proposal guidelines can be obtained by request from Katie Weber at kpweber@uchicago.edu. Proposals should be assembled and submitted utilizing the provided forms and guidelines and 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.

The Laboratory Director(s), relevant Deans, and others with necessary expertise will evaluate proposals and assess their merits. The final selection will be made on or about July 1, 2009. Upon completion of the project, PIs will provide a brief written report on the scientific results of the project and how the funds were used.

Proposals should be submitted electronically by PDF attachment to my office at the University of Chicago (kpweber@uchicago.edu). Additional questions should be directed to Larry Hill, Associate Vice President for Program Development and National Laboratories, at lhill@uchicago.edu or 773-702-2060.