

CREATE A NEW FUNDING PROPOSAL

Please make sure to fill out all the information in PAM

A. GENERAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION:

New

1. Is this award being transferred from another institution?

No

2. Short title of proposal:

RSI Explorer F2026 INSERT PI INITIALS

If you do not use this short title, we may not be able to easily find your submission, and it will delay the review.

3. Long title of proposal:

List the full proposal title here

4. Program director/Principal investigator/Project Lead/Fellow:

List the name of Principal Investigator here

5. Select the direct sponsor

CITP Resnick Sustainability Institute

6. Instrument type

Internal Funding Opportunity (non-OSR)

7. Primary purpose of this project

Research/Basic (unless the scope is different)

8. Expected start date

January 1, 2027: you can change it based on the proposal

9. Is this award R&D?

Yes

10. NSF HERD R&D Type

Basic Research

11. NSF HERD Code

Select Code that best represents proposal research scope of work

B. PERSONNEL

1. Program director / Principal investigator / Project lead / Fellow:

PI's name should appear automatically; if it does not, enter PI name on General Information Page

2. Responsible department

PI's organization may appear automatically, depending on the Division; if it does not, enter the organization's name

3. Project personnel

Add names for people who will be working on the proposal, including Co-Is

4. 4a. Administrative contact

Add the name of GM submitting the proposal

- 4b. Select team members that have edit rights

Add Tyler Nicholson

- 4c Select team members that have read-only rights

You may add Xenia Amashukeli, Neil Fromer

C. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Submission type:

This Information should appear automatically

2. Direct sponsor:

This information should appear automatically

D. BUDGET PERIODS AND KEY DATES

1. Application submission deadline:

10/27/2026

2. Date response expected from sponsor:

skip

3. Date project starts:

This information should appear automatically

4. Date project ends:

This will default to 5 years from the start date. Go to #8 Budget periods and remove 3 budget periods and adjust the length of the other 2 periods per your proposal scope of work and the budget. The projected end date should be no later than 24 months after the start date; 12/31/2028 if you selected 01/01/2027

5. Project length (years)

It should appear automatically, e.g., 2.

6. Modular budget?

No

E. DIVISION INFORMATION

1. Field Work of Sampling

Enter information based on the proposal

2. Does this proposal include Fabrication?

Enter information based on the proposal

3. Total effort offset (only applies to EAS proposals)

Enter information if your division requires it

4. Are the following personnel eligible to serve as PI?

Click on the "Update" button to indicate CIT PI eligibility. Upload PI Eligibility Sponsor Memo, if required.

5. Additional comments for Chair

Based on Division workflow requirements

F. COMPLIANCE REVIEW

1-11 Questions

Include answers as they relate to the proposal scope of work. Provide any descriptions as needed.

12-13 Fields

These fields should fill out automatically

G. ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION

1. Application Institution:
It will appear automatically.
2. Will there be program income
**RSI Explorer program does not accept application that do propose program income.
Answer “No”**
3. Select additional Caltech resources required for this proposal
Fill out information as described in the proposal’s scope of work.
4. Will less than 50% of total direct costs; including JPL and subaward funds, be spent on campus?
No: all RSI funds must be spent on campus.

After going over Completion Instructions, click “finish”, you should select **“Add Attachments” to upload the proposal form (pdf), the proposal narrative (pdf), and the budget(excel).**

PAM Budget: RSI does not require that you submit a full budget in PAM, however your division may require that the full budget is submitted in PAM. Please follow your divisional guidance on PAM budget submission. Please note, RSI does not charge overhead on Explorer/Impact grants. If you must enter the budget in PAM, please select 0 for MTDC under non-standard F&A cost base and rates (Question #3).

After you completed all the steps, please submit the proposal for your department review.