



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Infectious Diseases and Immunology Research: U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Sciences Program Collaborative Awards, 2025**

- **Question:** I am a U.S. investigator and satisfy the RFP's eligibility requirements for early-stage investigator. However, I do not meet my university/institution's requirements to apply as a PI. If a senior investigator from my university is listed as the contact PI and I am listed as an investigator on the team, would our application still be considered eligible?

**Answer:**

- For the U.S. sub-team, a senior investigator can be listed as a PI as long as an early-career investigator is listed as a co-PI.
- U.S. sub-teams that choose to include an early-stage investigator as a co-PI with a senior investigator must include a description stating that the U.S. early-stage investigator will serve as the lead PI of the project in the 'Project Narrative'.
- This applies to the U.S. sub-team only. This does not apply to the Japan-based sub-team. The Japan-based sub-team must include an early-stage investigator as the PI; co-PIs are not allowed.
- In applications that include a collaborating APac sub-team, the APac sub-team must include at least ONE early-stage investigator, preferably as the APac sub-team PI. The early-stage APac investigator can also serve as a co-PI with a APac senior investigator.