Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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- **Question:** The RFP states that the U.S. sub-team must include an early-stage investigator (ESI). Does this mean that the U.S. PI must personally qualify as an ESI?

  Answer:
  - For the U.S. sub-team, a senior investigator can be listed as a PI. If the U.S. sub-team has a senior investigator as a PI, it should also include an ESI as a co-PI.
  - U.S. sub-teams that choose to include an ESI as a co-PI with a senior investigator must include a description stating that the U.S. ESI 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.