

2022 DPI-Shield T3 Research Partnerships Call for Proposals FAQ

Who is eligible to apply?

Open to all academic or commercial institutions including startups. Not limited to University of Illinois System staff or faculty. No relationship to DPI partners or Illinois institutions is required.

What is the submission deadline?

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Can a PI be on more than one proposal?

Yes, there is no limitation on the number of proposals that a PI may be a part of as long as the projects are distinct. Faculty can submit any number of proposals as lead PI, co-PI or senior personnel.

Is there a required budget format?

No, there is no particular format, but you must include a narrative and divide the expenses into major categories (e.g. personnel, equipment/use fees, supplies, travel, support). It should be clear to reviewers that you have carefully considered all the expenses for the project. For university budgets please make sure to include fringe and indirect costs.

Is it possible to gain access to de-identified Shield T3 data to use as part of our project?

Yes, this may be possible. It would depend on the project.

How mature does the technology need to be? Does it need to be ready for immediate commercialization?

We are interested in good ideas across the maturity spectrum. Proposals to explore fundamental research would not be applicable, however.

How will IP be handled as part of the project?

After successful proposals are selected, awards will be structured in the form of a research contract between the PI/their institution and Shield T3. IP discussions will be covered then.

Is there interest in biological fluids other than saliva?

Though we prefer saliva diagnostics, we are not limiting submissions to only saliva or even specimen-based diagnostics. Any diagnostic test that can be done without a healthcare provider which might inform consumer health decisions is welcome.

To what extent is the solicitation open to new technologies for personal health diagnostics such as wearable diagnostic devices?

Please go ahead and submit. Wearables are part of the long-term vision for the Shield T3 Health and Wellness business

Is it required to use LAMP based amplification in your proposed research?

No, the type of amplification method is not critical.

Can we use existing technology developed by Shield T3?

Yes, this would be possible.

Where can we get additional clarification?

Please contact Michael Fitzsimons at fitzm@uillinois.edu. We will update this FAQ with answers to questions of general interest.