

**BAA 07-022  
Amendment 2**

**Secretary of the Navy/Chief of Naval Operations Chairs of Oceanographic  
Sciences**

The purpose of this amendment is to post questions/answers 2 through 8 submitted as of 5/21/07 in writing to ONR.

The following questions and answers are provided as follows:

**Question 2:** Can the students be international students?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 3:** Can continuing students receive some funding and then a new student be started midway through the grant once the continuing student finishes?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 4:** Since recruitment of new students takes a year (the first year of the grant), will a no-cost extension for a year be allowable so that the students get a 4th year of support?

**Answer:** No-cost extensions are not expected but may be considered.

**Question 5:** The \$250,000 allocated for the faculty member; can it be spent on technical support (ie. staff salaries)?

**Answer:** "Funds may be used for Chair salary and related support in the liaison activities, together with his/her related research activities." Support for a post-doctoral award can be considered as part of the Chair's research activities.

**Question 6:** What kind of things can be funded as liaison activities? Would travel for Navy collaborators be allowable?

**Answer:** Liaison activities include travel by the Chair. Liaison activities do not include travel by the Chair's collaborators from other institutions, including Navy institutions.

**Question 7:** The order of the proposal is unclear. Should the Nomination letter be first followed by the meat of the proposal?

**Answer:** Material in the proposal should be assembled in the sequence listed in Section IV. 2. Technical Content-Volume 1: parts a) and b).

**Question 8:** How important is the match? Especially, do you think proposals that are exempted from overhead will be favored?

**Answer:** Cost sharing/matching is not required under this announcement but may be one way in which an institution can demonstrate its commitment to oceanographic science and the Chair/graduate students. If cost sharing is proposed as a demonstration of an institution's commitment, the institution should lay out a specific plan for doing so. If proposed, cost sharing/matching would be evaluated under Criteria No. 4 "Commitment(s) by the institution to oceanographic science faculty in general and to the Chair and graduate students in particular". Cost sharing/matching under a proposal resulting from this BAA is not the only means by which an institution may demonstrate its commitment.