

LINKAGE PROJECT FUNDING COMPETITION

Proposal-writing webinar
January 15, 2016



LINKAGE FUNDING OVERVIEW



Seed funding to launch long-term, mutually-beneficial bilateral partnerships

At least one Russian and one US institution per partnership (up to four)

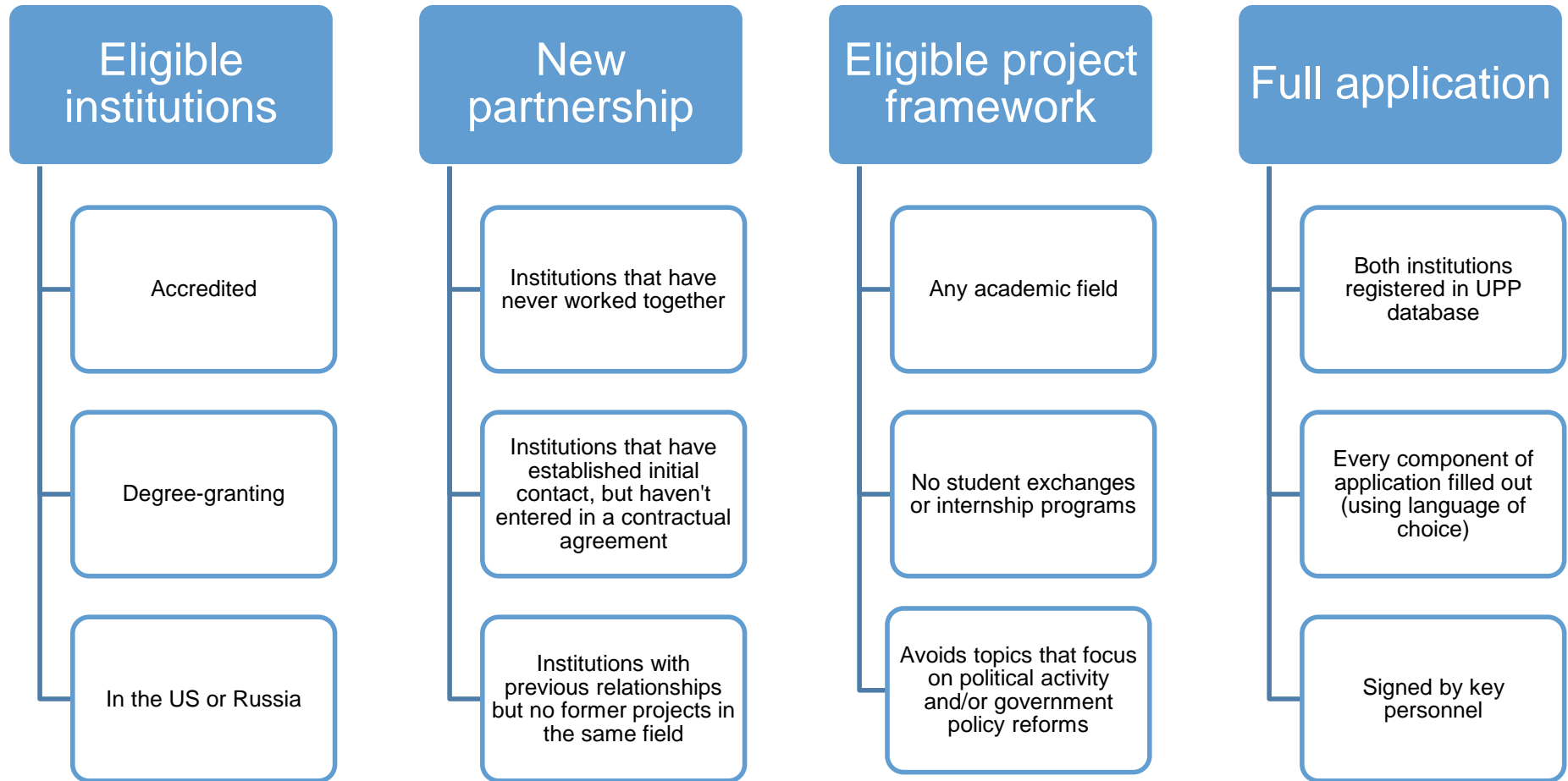
Project funding period: up to 12 months

Awards of up to \$41,000 (UPP) plus \$5,000 cost-share from partners

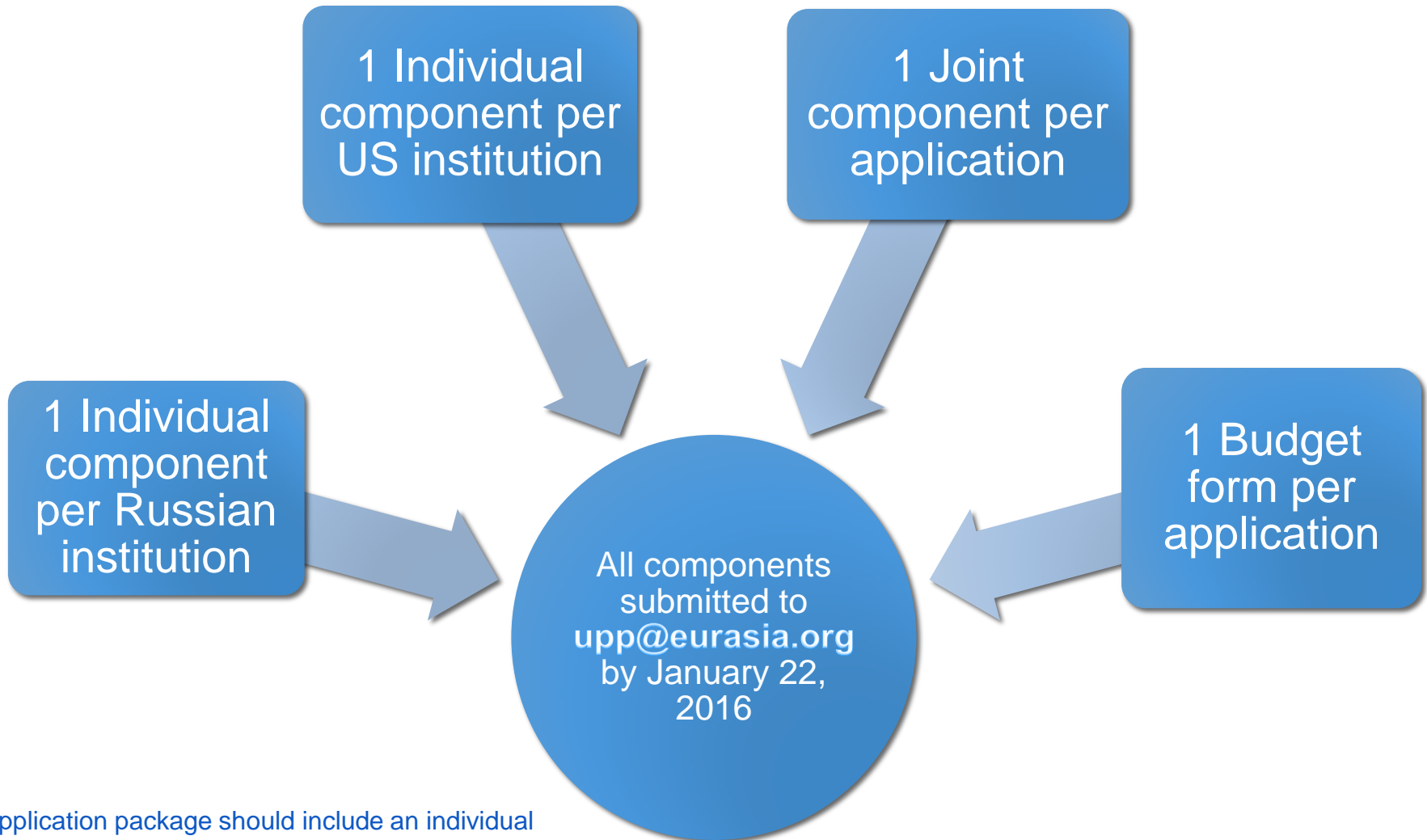
Application deadline: January 22, 2016

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Proposals must include the following to be considered:



Application documents:



* Application package should include an individual component from each participating partner institution

PROPOSAL AND SUBMISSION OVERVIEW



KEY PERSONNEL

Institution Official

- Legally authorized to approve agreements on behalf of the institution
- Guarantees that the administration is aware of the project
- Signs application, grant management questionnaire and grant agreement

Project Director

- Responsible for project implementation
- Signs application, grant agreement and narrative reports

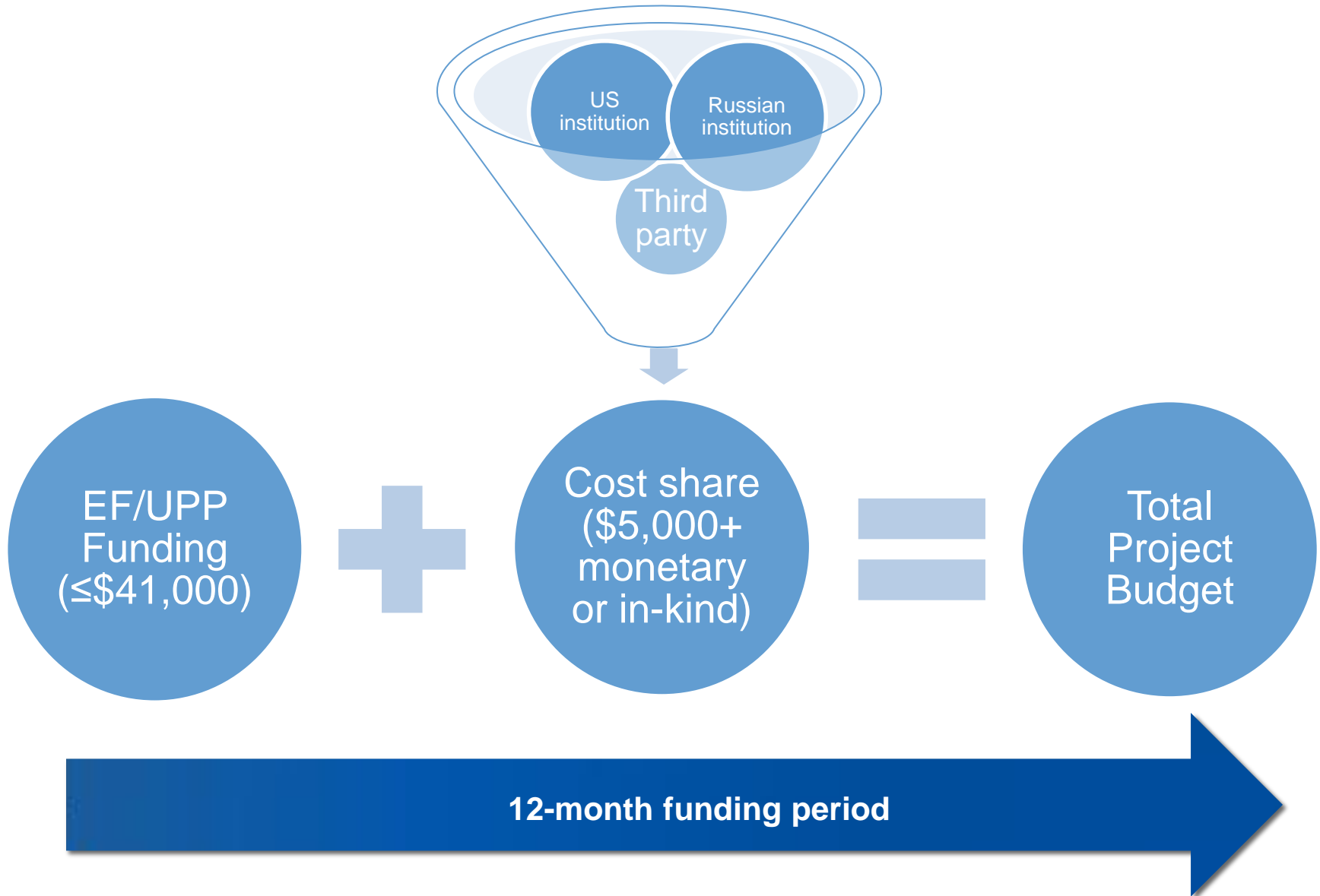
Financial Manager

- Responsible for managing project funds and tracking expenses
- Signs grant management questionnaire and budget reports
- Must be different from Project Director

Other Personnel (optional)

- Can be indicated in narrative portion of application joint component

BUDGET



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Allowable Expenses

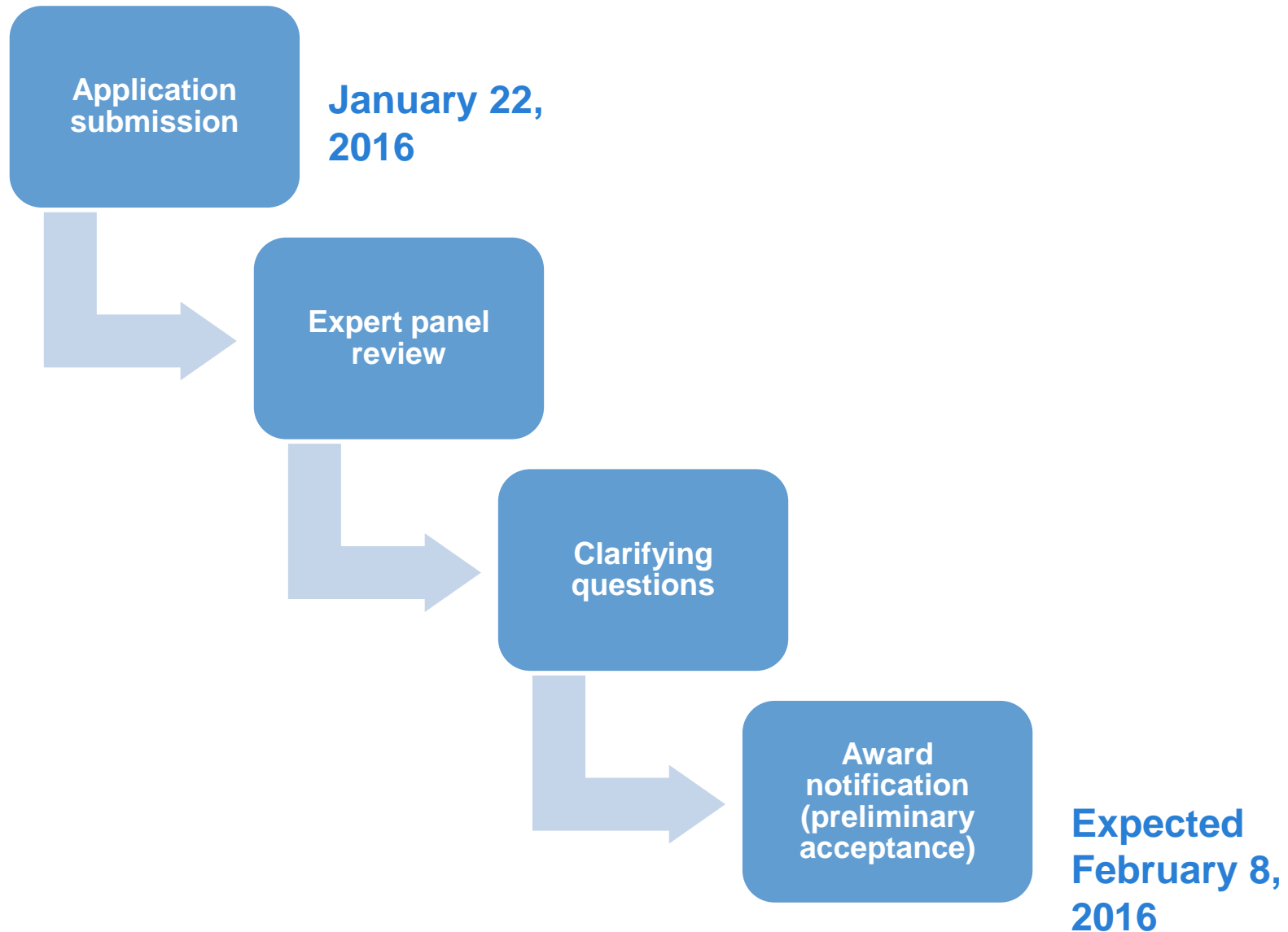
- Direct costs of project-related activities
 - Communication between institutions
 - Conferences and events
 - Honoraria for project experts
 - Interpretation/translation services
 - Travel costs
 - Prorated portion of salaries for key personnel

Unallowable Expenses

- Construction expenses
- Purchase of real estate
- Repayment of debts
- Ongoing expenses not relevant to project implementation
- Indirect costs*

* If required by an institution, UPP may consider covering a portion of indirect costs on a case-by-case basis

PROPOSAL EVALUATION OVERVIEW



SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. The degree of adherence to competition requirements as described in the RFP (e.g. eligibility, project components, use of funds, application deadlines)
2. Clarity of the plans and timeline of the suggested activities during the Linkage stage
3. Design of the project, with justification of its feasibility and the potential for cooperation
4. The potential for significant and concrete benefits in both countries resulting from successful implementation of the partnership
5. Innovativeness of the suggested partnership project in breaking new ground for bilateral engagement
6. Experience of partner institutions in the proposed area
7. The degree of parity in participation among partner institutions
8. Effectiveness of joint management plan among partner institutions
9. The degree of potential for long-term sustainability of the partnership beyond the funding period
10. Feasibility of cost-sharing plan
11. The degree of explicitness and feasibility in addressing gender equity
12. The degree of regional diversity among the partner institutions and/or project beneficiaries

Q & A

POST-AWARD NEXT STEPS

