

FY27 LDRD Pre-Proposal Assembly

Instructions

This document provides instructions for assembling a one-page pre-proposal for the Fiscal Year 2027 Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) program. The pre-proposal must adhere to the following formatting requirements:

- **Length:** One (1) page maximum.
- **Margins:** 1-inch margins on all sides.
- **Font:** 11-point font minimum.
- **Top Matter:** The first 2-4 lines should contain the proposal title followed by a list of the team member(s) and their associated Area(s) (e.g., CSA, EESA), with the PI clearly identified as such.

The pre-proposal functions as a concise re-read ahead for reviewers. Pre-proposal narratives and pre-proposal slides should be emailed to CSA-LDRD-submission@lbl.gov by COB February 6th.

Pre-Proposal Content

You can use any reasonable section headings to structure your document and convey your message. The one-page pre-proposal should clearly and concisely address the following questions.

1. What are you trying to do?

- Clearly state the overall goal and technical objectives of the proposed research; these should be framed in the context of high-impact research.

2. How is it done today, and what are the limitations of current practice?

- Briefly describe the current state-of-the-art or standard practices related to your proposal.
- Identify the critical limitations, gaps, or shortcomings of the current approach that your research aims to resolve.

3. What is new in your approach and why is it feasible?

- Describe the novel aspects of your proposed research (e.g., the unique features of your methodology, technology, or approach that differentiate it from current practice).
- Provide a convincing rationale and evidence (where possible) for why your approach is feasible.

4. What is the payoff?

- Describe the potential impact (the payoff) if the research is successful, focusing on significant scientific or institutional advancement.