

Deep Learning BAA FAQ

Q7. May I have a private meeting with DARPA's Deep Learning program manager to discuss my BAA proposal, or my team's ideas regarding the BAA?

A7. No, however, you are welcome to submit questions regarding the BAA by email to the Deep Learning BAA's mailbox (DARPA-BAA-09-40@darpa.mil). Answers will appear in this FAQ.

Q6. Could you please look at my paper and tell me if you are interested in my work as part of the Deep Learning program?

A6. If, after reading the Deep Learning BAA, you believe that your work is pertinent to the Deep Learning program you should submit a proposal that responds to the specifics of the BAA, or join a team that is submitting a proposal. A paper is not a proposal, and we cannot read and comment on papers. A proposal must follow the format specified in the BAA and address the BAA's goal of creating a universal, deep-learning machine that can learn from unlabeled data in multiple modalities and perform multiple tasks.

Q5. How can I go about adding my expertise to a team?

A5. One way of finding team partners is to use the Deep Learning teaming page at <http://csc-ballston.com/baa/DLteaming.htm>.

Q4. What start date should be assumed for the development of the financials in the proposal?

A4. For the purposes of the proposal, you may assume a start date of October 2009, realizing that this date is notional.

Q3. What, if any, guidance can be provided as to the scope of the proposals in FTE equivalents?

A3. Everything you need to propose is contained in the Deep Learning BAA. The work and staffing requirements should be based on your plan for meeting the goals of the Deep Learning program.

Q2. Are evaluators also subject to the 6.1 funding restrictions?

A2. Yes.

Q1. The url for the teaming page in the BAA (<http://csc-ballston.dmeid.org/baa/DLteaming.htm>) does not work.

A1. The correct url is <http://csc-ballston.com/baa/DLteaming.htm>