

Distinguished Early Career Program (DECP) Q&A

Q: What milestone is used for the requirement that applicants be no more than 7 years removed from their PhD?

A: The due date of the full application.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of applications you can submit?

A: Only one application on behalf of a PI may be submitted to this FOA. A PI may not submit an application to more than three NE DECP FOAs.

Q: Can there be an REU supplement?

A: That is not something that has been considered for this year's funding opportunity for the Distinguished Early Career Program.

Q: Why is this program a 7-year limit whereas other DOE programs are 10-years post terminal degree?

A: The 7-year limit was a recommendation from the review panel, but also with other DOE opportunities, there can be lab participation. This opportunity does not allow that and is just for university submissions.

Q: Are research faculty, or other non-tenure track faculty, eligible?

A: No, the PI must be an untenured assistant professor at a U.S. academic institution on the tenure track and no more than seven years beyond his/her doctorate as of the last day of January 2024.