

FAQ:

1. What is the purpose of a Strategic Initiative grant?
 - a. Provide a mechanism to support collaboration on current key priorities of the Ragon Institute
 - b. Accelerate areas of research and new technologies that have particular significance and impact
 - c. Provide seed money that will lead to extramural funding

2. What are the eligibility requirements to apply for a Strategic Initiative?
 - a. The PI applicant must be Ragon Group Leader, Steering Committee or Associate Member of Ragon Institute
 - b. Applications must also identify at least one collaborating Principal Investigator (PI)
 - c. The collaborating PI does not need to have a Ragon appointment

3. How does one apply for Strategic Initiative Funding?
 - a. Application Process initiated by the Primary PI
 - b. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis
 - i. See Strategic Initiative Application
 - ii. Provide an overall description (2-5 pages)
 - iii. Application must include detailed budget/budget justification for each subproject

4. How many Strategic Initiatives will be recommended for funding?
 - a. This is at the discretion of the Review Committee
 - b. The Review Committee will be comprised of a mixture of Ragon Group Leaders, Steering Committee members and outside reviewers, and will be empaneled specifically for each Strategic Initiative

5. What is the typical award amount of a Strategic Initiative?
 - a. Varies depending on project, scope and necessity. Most are expected to be in the \$50K to \$250K direct cost range per year total across all subprojects, and will be limited to one year. There is the possibility for a second year of funding, subject to rigorous review 9 months into the first year of the project.

6. What are the requirements after having received a Strategic Initiative?
 - a. PI will be required to provide written scientific reports and updates to the Ragon Institute as needed, but not less frequent than annually
 - b. A final presentation of findings must be given to the Ragon Institute at the end of the funding period
 - c. An official financial report must be submitted by the recipient's institution at the close of each budget period
 - d. Results will be catalogued for use in annual SAB meetings