

## **Clean Energy Career Pathways Program Webinar (PON 6121)**

Question & Answer (Q&A) Document | Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**1. What does it mean for NYSERDA to only fund wraparound services when other sources are exhausted?**

NYSERDA requires that entities use existing funding streams whether from the applicant or third-party sources to fund wraparound and supportive services prior to requesting NYSERDA funding.

**2. Can you provide further details on what types of entities are eligible to apply? Are nonprofits (501c3) eligible entities?** All Entities that meet the eligibility requirements in the PON are eligible to apply. These may include entity types such as but not limited to Career and Technical Education (CTE) high schools; community colleges; universities; trade associations; unions; clean energy businesses; community-based organizations; non-for-profit organizations; for-profit organizations. See PON for full details.

**3. Can organizations apply for multiple rounds of this PON?** Applicants may submit multiple proposals to one (1) round, so long as proposals are not for duplicative work. An applicant may resubmit new proposals and/or revised unsuccessful proposals to later rounds.

**4. What is the total funding available? How much funding is allocated to each project?** As of April 2026, \$30 Million is available under PON 6121. Applicants may request between \$250,000 and \$1,500,000 in NYSERDA funding per proposal.

**5. Can applicants include more than one clean energy occupation that trainees who may complete training are expected to fulfill?** Yes. The proposal should indicate all types of clean energy job placements that trainees are anticipated to fulfill. Occupational titles should be clearly aligned with the training program and demonstrated needs of employer partners.

**6. Is it allowable for a university to seek funding to support internships in NY-based clean energy companies where undergraduate students receive both in classroom and hands-on lab training related to battery energy storage and battery management?** Clean energy internship offerings as a standalone program are not eligible for funding under PON 6121. However, applicants may propose clean energy internships as part of a comprehensive training program. Please note that all proposals must meet the eligibility requirement criteria as outlined in Section II. Internships do not count as placements toward the 70% placement requirement for projects funded through PON 6121