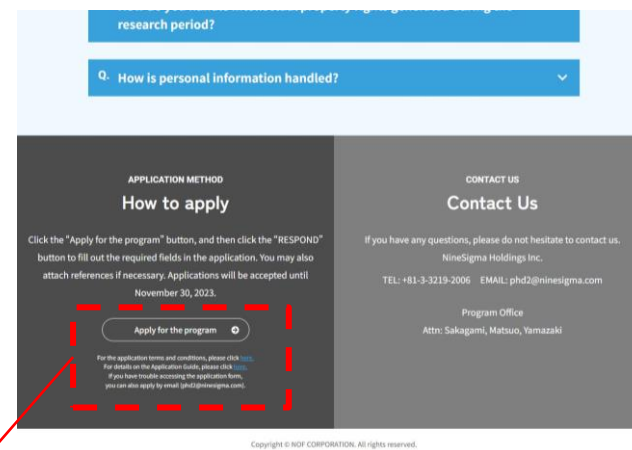
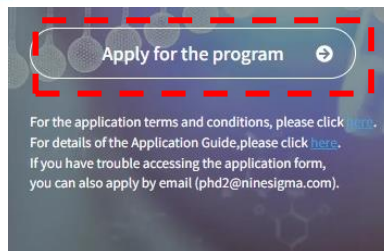
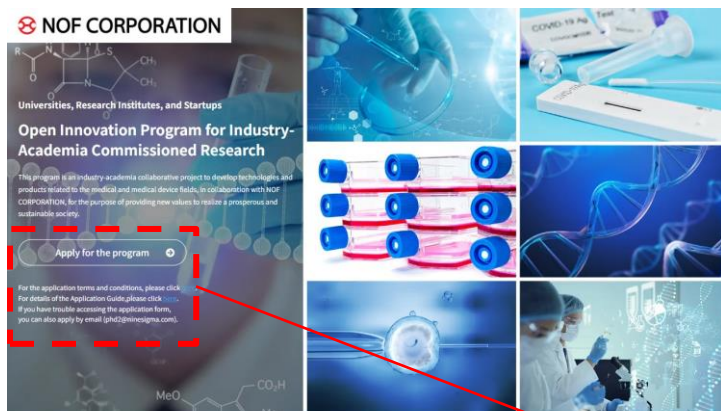


NOF Corp. Open Innovation Program Application Guidance

NineSigma Holdings, Inc.

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Applications are to be made from the proposal site (NineSights). Please navigate from the application site to NineSights, and refer to this manual for registration and submission."



- To apply for the program, you need to create an account on NineSights.
- You can navigate to the NineSights page through the 'Apply for the program' link at the top or bottom of this website.
- You can also directly access the proposal site via this URL➡
https://www.ninesigma.com/s/RFP_2023_0059

Please log in or register your account on the NineSights proposal page.

The screenshot shows the NineSights website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the NineSights logo on the left and navigation links: CLIENT GALLERIES, THEMATIC GALLERIES, NINESIGMA.COM, and a menu icon. On the right side of the header, there is a search icon, a red dashed box highlighting the 'LOGIN' and 'REGISTER' buttons, and a red arrow pointing from the 'LOGIN' button to a larger, semi-transparent version of the same button overlay in the center of the page. Below the header, the main content area features the title 'NOF Corp. Open Innovation Program -Medical and Medical Device Fields-' in bold. Below the title are two tabs: 'Chemical' and 'Life sciences'. To the right of the title, there is a 'Request for Proposal' section with the status 'Status: RFP is Open' and a 'RESPOND' button. The central overlay contains a search icon, a 'LOGIN' button, and a 'REGISTER' button. Below the overlay, there is a 'Request Number' field and a 'SOLUTION PROVIDER' section with an email address 'Email: phd2@ninesigma.com'. Below this is a 'For detailed information' section with a 'Website' link. At the bottom, there is an 'Application Acceptance Schedule and Examination Scheme' section with a list of dates and events.

Request for Proposal
Status: RFP is Open

Chemical Life sciences

RESPOND

Request Number

SOLUTION PROVIDER
Email: phd2@ninesigma.com

For detailed information
Website: [here](#)

Application Acceptance Schedule and Examination Scheme

- Start of application acceptance : October 2, 2023
- Joint Online Explanation Meetings :
 - In addition to the explanation of this program, a Q&A session will be held. If you are interested in participating in the program, please register for the meeting from [here](#) is.
 - Oct. 24th, 10:00 a.m. PST (1:00 p.m. EST)
 - Oct. 24th, 9:00 a.m. UTC+1
- End of the application period : November 30, 2023
- Document examination : Early January 2024
- Interviews : Late January–February 2024
- Announcement of the selected candidate(s) : End of March 2024

Proposals can be submitted on NineSights after logging in

1. For those who already have a NineSights account, please click **[LOGIN]** and follow [these steps](#).
2. For those who do not have an account, please click 'REGISTER' and follow [these steps](#) to complete the registration

Enter the required information on the NineSights registration page.

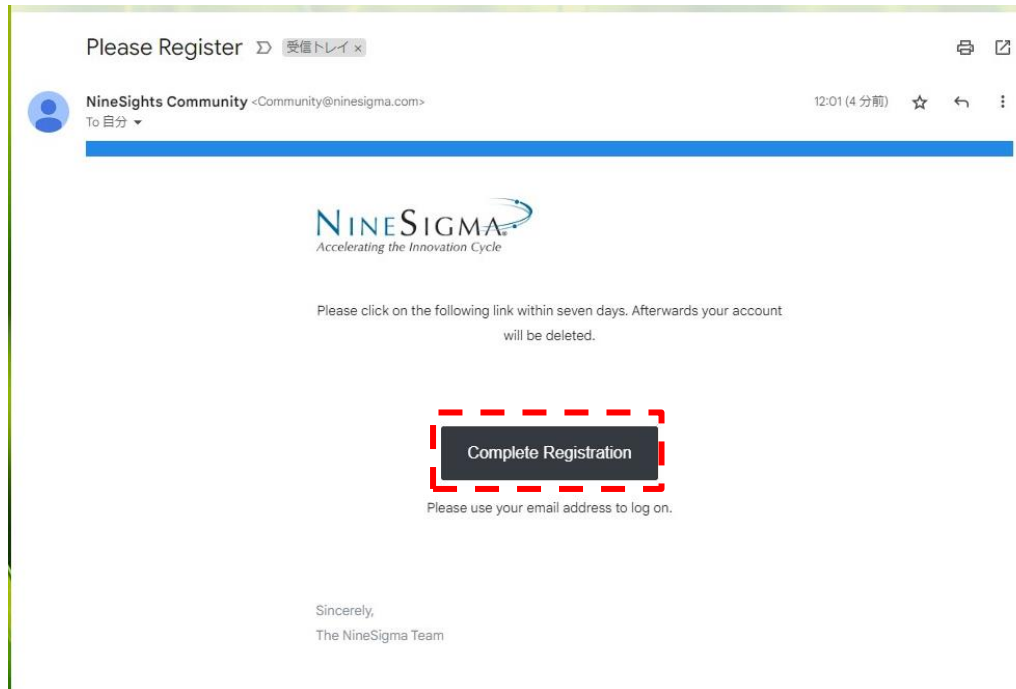
1. Fill your name, email address, password, organization name, and Verification Code.

Minimum requirements for a valid password:

- Must not contain any whitespaces.
- Length has to be at least 8 characters.
- Has to contain at least one letter.
- Has to contain at least one digit.
- Must not contain; your name, user name, name of week days and months, the letter "Password"

2. After reviewing and agreeing to NineSights' terms of use, click on **[REGISTER NOW]**.

Complete your registration from the received email.



1. After Temporary Registration, you will receive and email from

Community@ninesigma.com

- The email may be placed in the spam folder.
- If you do not receive the email, please contact the NineSights support at phd2@ninesigma.com

1. Click [**Complete Registration**] to proceed to the log in page.

Log in to NineSights form the log in page.

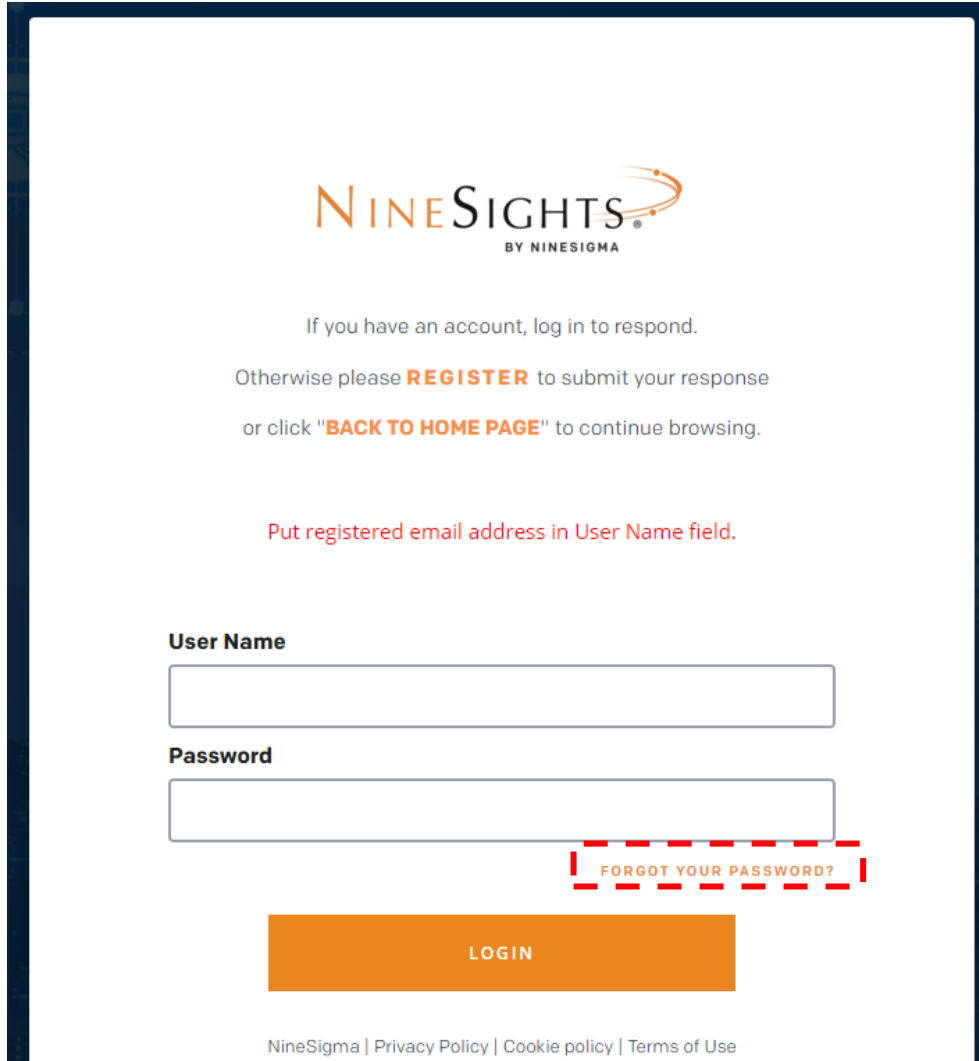
The image shows a screenshot of the NineSights login page. A registration completion message is overlaid on the top left, stating: "Your registration is complete. Please go to the login page and log in using your email address as user name." Below this message is a red dashed box containing the text "Back to Login". A red arrow points from this box to the "User Name" field on the login form. The login form itself has the NineSights logo at the top, followed by instructions: "If you have an account, log in to respond. Otherwise please **REGISTER** to submit your response or click '**BACK TO HOME PAGE**' to continue browsing." Below this is a red instruction: "Put registered email address in User Name field." The form contains two input fields: "User Name" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a link that says "FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?". Below the input fields is an orange "LOGIN" button. At the bottom of the form are links for "NineSigma | Privacy Policy | Cookie policy | Terms of Use" and a statement: "This website only uses necessary Cookies; no other Cookies are being stored. For more details click here or see the Cookie Policy."

After registration, you will be directed to the login page from **[Back to Login]**.

- **User Name** : Registered email address
- **Password** : Registered password

✂ Click [here](#) in case you forgotten your password.

If you have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions below to reset it.



The screenshot shows the NineSigma login page. At the top is the NineSigma logo. Below it, text instructs users to log in if they have an account or register if not. A red dashed box highlights the 'FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?' link. Below the login fields is an orange 'LOGIN' button. At the bottom are links for Privacy Policy, Cookie policy, and Terms of Use.

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If you have an account, log in to respond.
Otherwise please **REGISTER** to submit your response
or click "**BACK TO HOME PAGE**" to continue browsing.

Put registered email address in User Name field.

User Name

Password

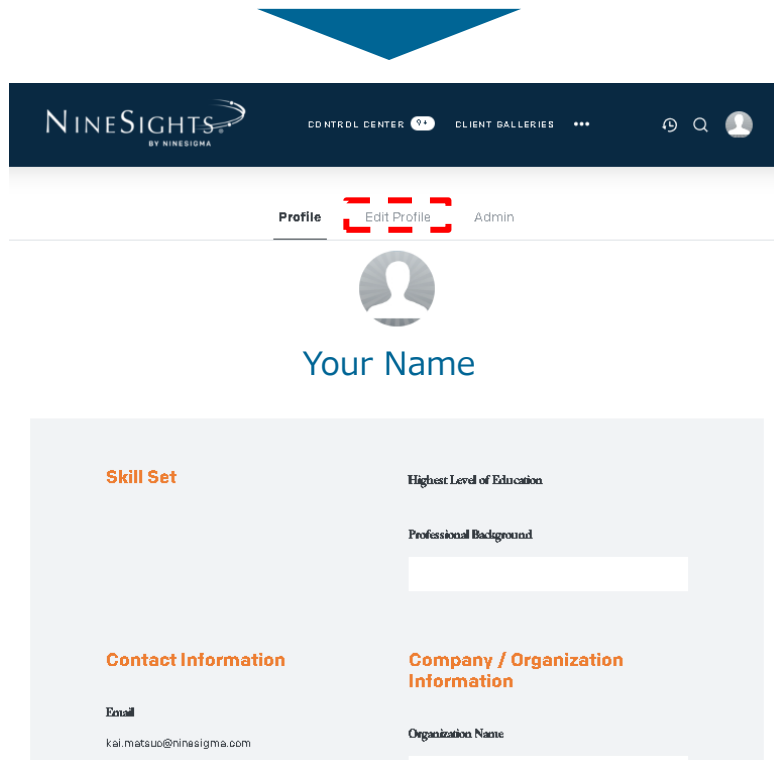
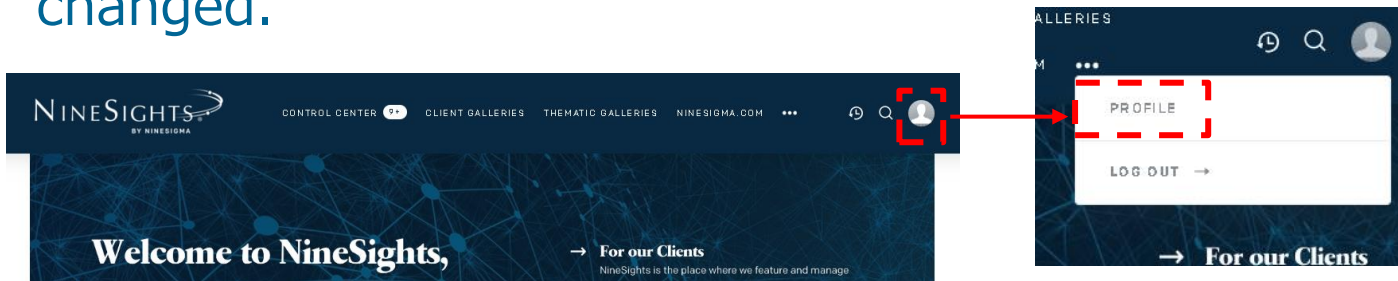
FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?

LOGIN

NineSigma | Privacy Policy | Cookie policy | Terms of Use

1. Click [**FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?**] at the login page
2. Enter your registered email address and issue an email to reset your password.
3. Change your password according to the email you received.

Registration information and language settings (Japanese/English) can be changed.



1. After logging in, click **[PROFILE]** in the upper right corner of the top page.
2. You can add or change your registration information from **[Edit Profile]**(details in the next page)

Registration information and language settings (Japanese/English) can be changed.

The screenshot shows a registration settings page with three main sections: Contact Information, Company / Organization Information, and Preferences.

Contact Information

- Email: **CHANGE EMAIL ...** (highlighted with a red dashed box)
- Country Code:
- Phone Number:
- Address:
- Postal / Zip:
- City:
- Country:

Company / Organization Information

- Organization Name:
- Organization Type:
- Organization Overview:
- What Industries is your Organization specialized in?: **SELECT ...**
- Website:

Preferences

- Password: **CHANGE PASSWORD ...** (highlighted with a red dashed box)
- Date Format:
- Preferred Language: (highlighted with a red dashed box)
- Email Transmission:

A red arrow points from the 'Preferred Language' dropdown to a detailed view of the language options:

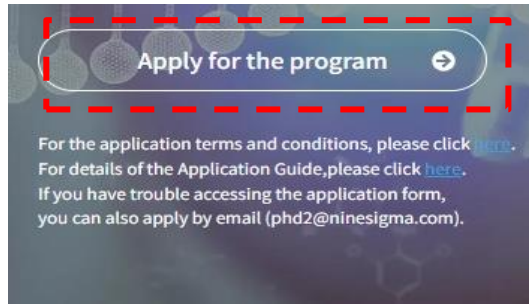
Preferred Language

- English
- English
- 日本語

1. You can change your name, email address, password, and add other profile information
2. Language setting can be changed from the **[Preferred Language]** at the bottom of the page.

※Changes are automatically saved.

After logging in, please access the proposal page created in NineSights and fill in the required fields for your proposal on the page.



1. Click **[Apply for the program]** at the program website or access from the following URL.

- Japanese proposal page :

https://www.ninesigma.com/s/RFP_2023_0058

- English proposal page :

https://www.ninesigma.com/s/RFP_2023_0059

2. Click **[RESPOND]** to proceed to the entry screen

Please fill the required information according to the items. You can also accommodate changes in design, insertion of links and images, etc., as well as attach supplementary materials.

The screenshot displays the NINE SIGMA RFP Response form. The top navigation bar includes links for CONTROL CENTER, CLIENT GALLERIES, THEMATIC GALLERIES, and NINESIGMA.COM. The form is titled "RFP Response (Status: Draft)" and features a "SAVE AND CLOSE" button and a "SUBMIT" button. The form is divided into several sections: "Response Information" (with a message "Your draft is saved in Control Center."), "Contributor Information" (with a "COPY MY PROFILE" button), "Response Instructions" (listing guidelines for the response), "Response Title" (with a rich text editor toolbar), "Proposed Budget", "Team Experience", and "Add Attachments" (with a "SELECT..." button, a drag-and-drop area, and a "Submit" button).

- Fields marked with * are required items.
- In the text boxes, please use the ribbon functions (font, formatting, bullets, links and images) as needed.
- You may submit supplemental materials by clicking **[Attach file]** at the bottom of the page.

※Changes are automatically saved.

After completing the form, please check the Terms of Use before submitting.

How to Submit?



Draft



NineSigma
Review



Edit Your
Response



Client Review



Edit Your
Response for
Client



Selected by
Client

1. Check the box to confirm there is no confidential information in your Response
2. Click 'Submit'
3. You will receive confirmation that your Response has been submitted

☐ By Submitting this Response you certify that it does not and will not be deemed to contain any confidential information of any kind whatsoever.

SAVE AND CLOSE

SUBMIT

- Please make sure that your proposal **does not contain any confidential information**, and check the box if you agree.
- Click [**SUBMIT**] to complete your submission.
- Click [**SAVE AND CLOSE**] if you want to edit your proposal later.
※The proposal is automatically saved even if you do not click the button

You can check and edit your proposals in progress and completed proposals from the CONTROL CENTER.

My responses

ID	Title	Status	Due Date	Last update -
RFP_2023_0059_R_002	test	Status: Draft		Sep 21
RFP_2023_0058_R_002	XXX課題解決に用いられるXXX素材	Status: Draft		Sep 21

My drafts

ID	Title	Type	Status	Last Update -
RFP_2023_0059_R_002	test	RFP Response	Status: Draft	Sep 21
RFP_2023_0058_R_002	XXX課題解決に用いられるXXX素材	RFP Response	Status: Draft	Sep 21

1. Click on **[Control Center]** at the top of the site.
2. Click on the Title of the draft you want to edit in **[My responses]** or **[My drafts]** and continue editing.

Apply for the program -Modify your proposal after submitted proposal-

If you need to revise your proposal that has already been submitted, please follow the instructions below.

The screenshot shows the 'RFP Response' interface. A modal dialog box is open with the title 'ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO WITHDRAW YOUR RESPONSE?'. The dialog contains the text: 'If you choose to withdraw your response, it will not be reviewed by NineSigma's client. Click "OK" to confirm you want to withdraw the Response. Tip: You can withdraw a Response at any time.' There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the background, the 'RFP Response' form is visible, showing fields for 'RESPONSE NUMBER', 'SUBMISSION DATE', 'RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS', 'RESPONSE TITLE', 'PROPOSED TECHNICAL APPROACH', and 'PROPOSED BUDGET'. A 'WITHDRAW RESPONSE' button is highlighted with a red dashed border, and a red arrow points to it from the text 'Client point of contact'.

After Editing

The screenshot shows the 'RFP Response' interface after editing. A 'RESUBMIT' button is highlighted with a red dashed border. The text 'Client point of contact' is visible above the button.

1. Click on the title of the proposal you wish to modify at the CONTROL CENTER
2. Click **[WITHDRAW RESPONSE]** and click **[OK]**
3. Return to your proposal draft and edit your proposal
4. After complete your editing, click **[RESUBMIT]**