

New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) and New Mexico NASA EPSCoR Frequently Asked Questions

Do faculty have to be U.S. citizens to apply?

All faculty and students who receive support under these programs must be U.S. citizens. Faculty who are not U.S. citizens may apply for support for students who are U.S. citizens. Faculty who have questions about this are encouraged to contact the program office at 505-646-6414 or jmcschann@nmsu.edu

How do I find a NASA person to write a letter for support?

All researchers requesting research funding must submit a letter of support from a NASA Field Center or Mission Directorate with their proposal submission. This letter must state how the proposed research program is a priority for NASA and how the Field Center or Mission Directorate will interact with and support the proposed research project. If researchers are not able to get a letter of support in time to submit with your proposal, please give us the name and contact information of the NASA personnel you are speaking with. Researchers who need help finding a NASA collaborator are encouraged to contact the Space Grant office for help at 575-646-6414 or jmcschann@nmsu.edu and your campus research office.

How do I find matching funds?

Institutions must provide 100% non-federal matching funds for this program. All matching funds must run through a cost share account, your research office will do this automatically. Although the method of match is flexible, NASA encourages researchers to consider methods that add value to New Mexico's existing research capabilities.

In-kind cost share is allowed. In-kind cost share is non-cash cost share. There are several ways researchers can find in-kind cost share:

1. Since NASA does not allow F&A (Financial and Administration) to be applied to this work, all F&A which would normally be applied to a proposal is eligible to serve as cost share.
2. Faculty salary can be used as cost share, either release time during the academic year or summer salary can be used as an in-kind cost share. No cash will change hands.
3. Researchers needing help identifying sources of cost share are encouraged to contact the Space Grant office at 575-646-6414 or jmcschann@nmsu.edu and your campus research office.

Where do I submit the proposal?

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2008.

Email your proposal to nmsgc@nmsu.edu

Mail original proposal with signatures to:

New Mexico Space Grant Consortium

3050 Knox Street

MSC SG, Box 30001

Las Cruces, NM 88003-0001

Where do I submit my Letter of Intent?

A Letter of Intent is encouraged for all proposals. Letters of intent are not preliminary proposals. Letters of Intent should include the title of your proposed research program and a short summary description of the work involved. The purpose is to help gauge the size and range of the competition in order to facilitate selection and management of reviewers. PIs should not expect feedback on their Letters of Intent beyond the acknowledgement of their receipt. Please email your Letter of Intent to nmsgc@nmsu.edu by May 2, 2008.