

Idaho NASA EPSCoR  
2025 Research Initiation Grant Solicitation





# Overview of Idaho NASA EPSCoR (INE) and ISGC

## – NASA EPSCoR

- The Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is designed to:  
*“establish partnerships with government, higher education and industry to create lasting improvements in a region's research infrastructure and R&D capabilities to improve its national R&D competitiveness.”*
- Enables faculty development and higher education student support through research awards
- EPSCoR is directed at states that have not in the past participated equably in competitive aerospace and aerospace-related research activities (currently 28 states)

## – NASA Space Grant

- National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program created by Congress in 1988 to:  
*“Increase understanding, assessment, development, and utilization of space resources by promoting a strong educational base, responsive research and training activities, and broad and prompt dissemination of knowledge and techniques . . .”*
- 52 Space Grant Consortia (all 50 states + D.C. and Puerto Rico)
  - Over 800 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies

– ISGC and INE located at University of Idaho in Moscow – but serve the entire state through competitive awards for students, researchers, and educators.



# Overview of Opportunity

## – Research Initiation Grants (RIGs)

- Facilitate development and enhancement of NASA-aligned research and development capabilities in Idaho and provide opportunities for new researchers to gain experience and/or for established researchers to take a dramatic step in a new research direction.
- Proposals due to Idaho NASA EPSCoR (INE) by January 24, 2025
  - Max funding per proposal \$50,000; No cost share required
  - Period of performance is usually 1 year; but can be more or less
  - INE plans to award approximately 2 grants



# Finding NASA Activities and Resources

- Idaho NASA EPSCoR - <https://www.idahonasaepscor.org/nasaresources>
- NASA Technology Taxonomy - <https://www.nasa.gov/offices/oct/taxonomy/index.html>
- TechPort - <https://techport.nasa.gov/home>
- NASA Office of STEM Engagement - <https://www.nasa.gov/stem>
- Mission Directorate Websites:
  - <https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch> (Aeronautics Research)
  - <https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/exploration-systems-development> (Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate)
  - <https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/space-operations-mission-directorate> (Space Operations Mission Directorate)
  - <https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/home/index.html> (Space Technology)
  - <https://science.nasa.gov/> (Science)
- Ask INE
  - [ine@uidaho.edu](mailto:ine@uidaho.edu)



## Other opportunities – Idaho NASA EPSCoR

- Faculty Fellowships
  - Up to \$5,000 summer salary + overhead
- Collaboration Grants
  - Up to \$2,500 to meet and collaborate with NASA Researchers

**Read about and apply for all Idaho NASA EPSCoR Opportunities at:  
[www.idahonasaepscor.org/submit-proposals](http://www.idahonasaepscor.org/submit-proposals)**



# Other opportunities – National NASA EPSCoR

- National NASA EPSCoR Research CAN – \$750,000 over 3 years
  - Pre-proposal competition during the summer to down-select one proposal to represent Idaho
- National NASA EPSCoR Rapid Response Research – \$100,000 over 1 year
  - Short technical presentation (only 3 pages allowed)
- NASA Center Fellowship Opportunities
  - Glenn Research Center Faculty Fellowship



# Solicitation Timelines

Solicitation	Release Date	Deadline
<a href="#">Idaho NASA EPSCoR Research Initiation Grants</a> (OPEN NOW)	December 2, 2024	January 24, 2025
<a href="#">Idaho NASA EPSCoR Faculty Fellowships</a> (OPEN NOW)	December 2, 2024	January 24, 2025
EPSCoR 2025 Research NOFO* ( <a href="#">Link to past NASA solicitation</a> )	Early October 2024	January 29, 2025
EPSCoR 2025 R3 Award NOFO** ( <a href="#">Link to past NASA solicitation</a> )	Mid-November 2024	February 26, 2025
<a href="#">Glenn Research Center Faculty Fellowship</a>	November 12, 2024	January 12, 2025
<a href="#">Idaho NASA EPSCoR Collaboration Grants</a>		Rolling deadline

\*Pre-proposals required. Pre-proposal solicitation usually released in July or August.

\*\*Notice of Intent required to down-select full proposals to be developed.

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# How to submit

- Review solicitations posted on INE website at [www.idahonasaepscor.org/research-initiation-grants](http://www.idahonasaepscor.org/research-initiation-grants) and/or NASA NSPIRES (for some)
- All proposal materials must be submitted via the website
- Budget templates are available

## Idaho NASA EPSCoR Research Initiation Grants



Idaho NASA EPSCoR funds Research Initiation Grants to provide opportunities for new researchers to gain experience and/or for established researchers to take a dramatic step in a new research direction.

To apply, researchers will need to fill out the INE Proposal Submission form and only 2 files should be upload with the application:

- 1) A single PDF file with all required proposal sections, and any optional sections.
- 2) A single Excel file with the budget details table.

Selected projects will be required to submit a Statement of Work and Subrecipient commitment form (non-UI recipients)

Maximum award amount: \$50,000

Award duration: Approximately 1 year

Matching requirement: None

Who can apply? Researchers at Idaho institutions of higher education and their employees can apply for these grants.

Proposal submission deadline: January 24, 2025

Idaho NASA EPSCoR will hold a pre-proposal webinar for proposers

December 12th, 2024 at 2:00 pm PT/ 3:00 pm MT.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/88177935991>

Meeting ID: 881 7793 5991

A video recording with slides will be available after the webinar.

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