



2021 Request for Pre- Proposals



Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program

Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN)

The Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program (KNEP) is seeking pre-proposals for eventual submission to a NASA Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN). The CAN opportunity includes up to \$750,000 in funding for three years. All NASA EPSCoR monies must be cost-shared at a level of at least 50% with non-federal monies. In-kind cost sharing is allowable, but NASA encourages proposers to consider methods that add value to the jurisdiction's existing research capabilities.

The CAN efforts must:

- Contribute to and promote the development of research capability in NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions (e.g., Kansas) in areas of strategic importance to the NASA mission;
- Improve the capabilities of the NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions to gain support from sources outside the NASA EPSCoR program;
- Develop partnerships among NASA research assets, academic institutions, and industry; and
- Contribute to the overall research infrastructure and economic development of NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions

Interested investigators submit pre-proposals directly to KNEP (not NASA). The KNEP due date is **noon February 16, 2021**. Following reviews, KNEP will recommend one (1) pre-proposal for final preparation and submission to NASA.

KNEP selection is competitive and based on section 5.0 criteria identified in the NASA CAN announcement. Be sure to address fundamental EPSCoR objectives (e.g., respond to NASA priorities, build national competitiveness, establish NASA partnerships, economic development, education, etc.).

KNEP will work to secure additional funding from the state of Kansas to help meet cost-share requirements. However, given state funding uncertainties and the short NASA timeline, investigators should aggressively pursue all needed cost-sharing funds on their own from other sources. Investigators will be notified, through their institutional representative, if KNEP is able to secure additional funding to help meet matching requirements.

There is a KNEP 20-page limit for all pre-proposal content (no exceptions). Use one-inch margins, a 12-pt times new roman font, and single-spaced text. Proposals must include the signature of the submitting Organization's Authorizing Official.

Submit a single pre-proposal document in PDF-format (less than 2-MB in size) to the KNEP director, via Email (scott.miller@wichita.edu), **by noon February 16, 2021**.

To access a copy of the NASA CAN document, go to <http://nspires.nasaprs.com> and click on Open Solicitations, looking for NNH21ZHA004C. If necessary, you can also contact the KNEP Coordinator (kerry.majher@wichita.edu) or visit the NASA in Kansas web site (www.NASAinKansas.org) to get a copy of the CAN.

Also feel free to Email or call the KNEP director, Scott Miller (scott.miller@wichita.edu & 316-978-6334), with any other questions.