



FY 2024 Request for Proposals

Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program

NASA Notice of Funding Opportunity
(NOFO)



NASA in Kansas

The Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program (KNEP) is seeking proposals for eventual submission to an anticipated NASA FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This research 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 research efforts must:

- Contribute to and promote the development of research capability in NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions (i.e., 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 should submit proposals directly to KNEP (not NASA). The KNEP due date is **noon August 18, 2023**. Following reviews, KNEP will recommend one (1) proposal for final preparation and submission to NASA.

The FY 2024 opportunity is expected to resemble last year's FY 2023 NOFO. KNEP selection is competitive and based on section 5.0 criteria identified in the 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 attempt 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 can secure additional funding to help meet matching requirements.

There is a 20-page limit for all KNEP 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, demonstrating approval and a commitment to meet cost-share requirements. Investigator biographical sketches, current and pending support, special notifications, and certification sections are not needed for the KNEP proposal.

Submit a single proposal document in PDF format (less than 2-MB in size) via email to *NASA in Kansas* (nasainkansas@wichita.edu), by **noon August 18, 2023**.

To access a copy of last year's (FY 2023) NASA NOFO document (NNH23ZHA001C) and related NASA research interests (Appendix A - 2024), go to the *NASA in Kansas* website (www.NASAINKansas.org).

Feel free to email the KNEP Interim Director, Dr. Linda Kliment (Linda.Kliment@wichita.edu), or the KNEP Coordinator Kerry Majher (Kerry.Majher@wichita.edu) with any questions.