Arkansas NASA EPSCoR Office

Call for Proposals

Research Infrastructure Development (RID)
Travel Awards
FY18 Announcement
Continuing Program

Release Date: August 24, 2017
Proposal Due: October 24, 2017 (TAC Review)
****Submissions will be accepted until funds are expended****
Announce Selection: November 22, 2017
Start Date: January 1, 2018
Request for Travel Proposal

Arkansas EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Development Proposals Guidelines
The Arkansas NASA EPSCoR Program solicits proposals for Research Infrastructure Development (RID) Travel Awards using the following guidelines.

Eligibility of Participants
Faculty at all Arkansas institutions of higher education are eligible for consideration for award of an Arkansas NASA EPSCoR RID Travel Grant. Women, minorities and other underrepresented groups will be given special consideration.

Areas for RID Proposal may include at least the following subject areas
Biology Instrumentation Mathematics
Chemistry/Biochemistry Materials Science Computer Science
Earth Science Space Medicine Engineering
Psychology (Human Factors) Engineering Technology Physics and Astronomy

Duration
Arkansas RID Travel awards will be funded for one year.

Other Requirements
Funding is available to send approximately eight Arkansas NASA Researchers up to $1,500 each to NASA Centers, Mission Directorates, labs, or other NASA related installations to develop closer ties to their 1) technical monitor, 2) NASA contact, or collaborator, 3) establish NASA Contacts. This will establish better alignment between Arkansas researchers and NASA researchers, while also establishing a survey of NASA facilities and capabilities for teams and individuals to be available state-wide.

Of this:

➢ NASA EPSCoR RID requires a 1:1 match of all awarded funds. RID award therefore must show cost sharing/matching from the participating institutions at this level, cash and/or in-kind.
➢ No Indirects may be charged on these awards.

Structure of the Proposal
All proposals must conform to the following guidelines:
➢ The proposal must be typed single-spaced, with no smaller than 12-point type and 1-inch margins.
➢ The proposal must be no more than 3 pages in length.
➢ The Cover page must include the following information:
  • Project title
  • Participating institutions
  • Primary Investigator
  • Participating faculty names
Section 1: Relevance of the Project to NASA:
Describe how your project relates to NASA interests, objectives, programs and/or research efforts. List Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of NASA researchers interested in the project. Participants must visit these or other designated NASA personnel as appropriate. NOTE: proposal MUST indicate how work aligns with NASA Center goals, or NASA priorities!

Section 2: Gantt chart of activities (Appendix A)

Section 3: NASA Research or Space Centers to be visited
List the names of your NASA (and/or other) contacts, along with their mailing address, telephone number and email address.

Section 4: Budget; Letter(s) of Commitment for matching funds (Appendix B)
List out all travel budget items including: (Airfare/Mileage/Rental Car, Per Diem, Hotel, Parking, and Gas) with estimated cost. Letters of Commitment for matching funds must be included, to be signed by Dean of College in which the faculty member resides. Also, required from the appropriate financial officer of the institution involved in the project.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUDGET IS UP TO $1500 PER FEDERAL TRAVEL AWARD. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE CAN REQUEST PROPOSAL TO BE REDUCED IF THEY DETERMINE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN BUDGETED APPROPRIATELY ***

Proposal Submission
Proposers must submit one original proposal with the signature of the Organization’s Authorizing Official. An electronic version of the proposal package in a single PDF formatted document is also required and must be submitted to mdstukenborg@ualr.edu by COB provided on the cover sheet. Proposals should be submitted to:

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