

# Iowa NASA EPSCoR Proposal Guide

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**For Iowa NASA EPSCoR Competitions, we first request that you reach out to find a NASA collaborator.**

- All NASA EPSCoR proposals are expected to collaborate and further research that benefits both NASA and the state of Iowa
- Funded research is expected to lead to national NASA EPSCoR proposals, and/or other funding resources.
- If you need assistance in reaching a NASA collaborator, please fill out this form: [Faculty and NASA Collaborations](#)

# Proposal Submission

- Following Solicitation Guidelines, proposals will be submitted as PDFs via our Smartsheet application link found in the RFP. Please “check the box” requesting a copy of your response to make sure your submission went through.
- Proposals include the following elements\*:
  - Cover page (optional)
  - Scientific/Technical/Management Plan: 5-page limit
  - Budget Narrative/Justification (page limit as needed)
  - Letter(s) of Support from NASA Collaborator – email format is okay

**\*No specific formatting requirements for these proposals. We don't get hung up on margins. Just let us be able to read it without a magnifying glass. Only the Scientific/Technical project description counts toward the 5-page limit. If you need to include references, please feel free as needed.**

# Proposal Budget (Narrative must match these numbers)

## ○ Direct Costs

- Personnel: Salaries and Fringe Benefits
- Operational Costs: Supplies, services
- Tuition for Graduate Students (not included in Indirect calculation)
- Travel Expenses (Domestic only)

## ○ Indirect Costs

- Varies by Institution
- Varies also for on-campus vs off-campus research
- Indirect Costs ARE charged to this NASA EPSCoR grant. (Not waived like Iowa Space Grant)

## ○ Cost Share

- Required 50% Match using non-federal dollars
- Salary and contributed F&A costs are the most common form of cost share. Please contact your Sponsored Programs office for assistance in determining what is allowed at your institution.

# How Iowa NASA Seed Grant Proposals are Scored

Proposals are reviewed by our team and scored generally with the following metrics:

- Intrinsic Merit: Balance of major and minor strengths and weaknesses regarding proposed tasks, experience of PI and team, methodology, etc.
- Relevance to the NASA Missions
- Impact on the Iowa economy and research community
- Budget: The proposed budget shall be adequate, appropriate, reasonable, and realistic, and demonstrate the effective use of funds that align with the content and text of the proposed project.
- Plan to compete in future NASA or other funding competitions
- Sustainability of project beyond seed grant funding



**Questions? Comments? Funny space jokes?**

Please contact us at [nasaepscor@iastate.edu](mailto:nasaepscor@iastate.edu). We are here to help you!