



WSGC Program Office Updates

COVID-19 Impacts

1. 25% of all awards will either be delayed, canceled, withdrawn or declined due to the stay-at-home order.
2. 38 student award announcements have been delayed.
3. \$79,044 federal funds and \$53,229 non-federal funds has either been returned or will not be used due to program cancellation. WSGC will need to redistribute funding, seek additional match funds, and/or request budget modification from NASA.
4. WSGC will not be able to meet the program's financial payout milestones established in our Year 5 proposal. Award distribution will be delayed. Estimated impact is \$144,798 federal funds and \$159,372 non-federal funds.
5. Programs that are on schedule but are at risk of being delayed or canceled total \$95,396 federal funds and \$95,967 in non-federal funds. These programs include faculty programs requiring an NCE beyond March 31, 2021/delay until next summer, the Elijah Balloon Program, NASA Internships, RockSat-C, Summer Outreach Programming, AirVenture, and Aerospace Jam.
6. The Collegiate Rocket Launch Competition and the First Nations Rocket Launch Competition have been rescheduled for Sept. 17-20, 2020.
7. The Midwest Rocket Launch Competition has been delayed. Teams will not travel to North Branch, Minnesota, to conduct their competition launch. They will instead launch at Richard Bong Recreational Park. Frank Nobile, Tripoli Rocketry Association-Wisconsin, will be working with these teams once they can obtain their rockets from their campuses.
8. The 30th Annual Wisconsin Space Conference will be postponed and combined with the 31st Annual Conference. MSOE will have priority option to host the conference next year.
9. Program office will begin processing budget and project modification, along with NCEs. Award closeouts due in FY20 Q4 will have the highest priority and updated award letters will be issued by April 30, 2020. FY21 Q1 will be processed by May 31, 2020.



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2020-2021 Award Process

1. Faculty and Outreach award recipients will be required to submit quarterly invoices and match reporting to the WSGC office.
2. WSGC will not be able to approve a No Cost Extension beyond March 31, 2021. WSGC's base funding for the current grant will be in an NCE from June 23, 2020 – June 22, 2021. All invoices must be received no later than May 31, 2021.

Affiliate Award Agreement

1. Affiliate Institutions must have an Affiliate Award Agreement on file in order to be eligible for funding. This policy affects student awards, faculty sub-awards, as well as industry, non-profit, and government grants. Non affiliate members will be required to fill out similar documentation with their award acceptance material.

Contact Information

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First Nations Launch – Sphere I Program

The First Nations Launch program is a Sphere I NASA Program. It has become part of the Artemis Student Challenge portfolio: Student Launch Initiatives, Human Exploration Rover Challenge, Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students, RMC: Lunabotics, Micro-G NExT, and Big Idea Challenge.

- 4-year funding
- New NASA project manager – Steve Chance
- Expand administrative resources
- Develop industry relationships as key sponsorship stakeholders

AirVenture

WSGC will be included in the NASA tent at AirVenture. This is exciting news! Approximately 7,000 visitors enter the tent each day. We have an amazing opportunity to showcase our efforts in the state of Wisconsin, as well as national programs across the nation. Christine Bolz attends weekly planning meetings with the NASA team.

Items to note:

- No banners/posters will be allowed
- Dress code mandatory
- Volunteer sign up with WSGC due by mid-May
- Handouts must be submitted to WSGC for consideration by mid-May
- Ron Connolly will provide a limited number of wrist bands and parking for volunteers
- Volunteers representing WSGC and the National Space Grant Consortium

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