



# 2025-2026 ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

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## HIGHER EDUCATION INCENTIVES (HEI)

### Key Dates

#### Spring/Summer 2026

- Applications Open: September 1, 2025
- Deadline: October 13, 2025
- Awards Announced: December 5, 2025
- Award Cycle: January 1-August 31, 2026

#### Academic Year 2026-2027

- Applications Open: November 1, 2025
- Deadline: February 2, 2026
- Awards Announced: March 27, 2026
- Award Cycle: July 1, 2026-May 31, 2027

### Awards

Award Amount:

- Major Awards: up to \$10,000
  - Minor Awards: up to \$5,000
- (subject to funding availability)

### Purpose

The Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC) Higher Education Incentives program supports value-added, undergraduate teaching and training projects in aviation, space, or aerospace disciplines. As a seed-grant program, HEI funds innovative projects that increase the aviation, space, and aerospace content of undergraduate courses and programs.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be faculty or staff at a WSGC affiliate institution (industry, nonprofits, and nonmembers may collaborate if work occurs at a member campus).
- Ensure graduate students funded are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.
- Have institutional affiliate award agreements on file with WSGC.
- Align proposed work with a [NASA Mission Directorates](#).

### Application Process

1. **Create a NASA STEM Gateway account:** [stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/login/](https://stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/login/)
2. **Create a WSGC account:** [spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/](http://spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/)
3. Log in and complete the **Higher Education Incentives** application

## Projects Should

- Emphasize aviation, space sciences, aerospace engineering, or other space-related or interdisciplinary STEM fields.
- Be designed for undergraduate education/training, with a focus on curriculum development and faculty enhancement.
- Align with at least one NASA Mission Directorate.

## Required Materials

- Proposal (≤15 pages) addressing:
  - Introduction/Summary (≤1 page; curriculum/training goals and NASA alignment)
  - Background (include prior HEI awards if applicable)
  - Proposed Activities (audience, methods, outcomes, dissemination plan)
  - Evaluation Plan
  - Timeline and Milestones
  - Budget/Use of Funds (using [WSGC budget template](#)) with quarterly spend-down plan
  - CV/Personnel (2-page PI CV; brief qualifications of collaborators/students)
- Budget must demonstrate 1:1 cost-share and follow WSGC guidelines (no overhead, capital purchases, or international travel; laptops require pre-approval).

## Application Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Alignment with HEI program goals and NASA Mission Directorate priorities
- Contribution to new curriculum development or enhancement of undergraduate education/training in space- or aerospace-related fields
- Clarity, quality, and feasibility of proposed activities and educational objectives
- Sustainability of the work beyond the grant period
- Reasonableness of the budget and evidence of institutional cost-share support

## Awardee Acceptance Components

Recipients must:

- Submit award acceptance materials (Award Agreement, W9, biography, photo).
- Provide quarterly invoices/cost-share documentation.
- Submit interim report (if >6 months), final reports, student/alumni/faculty stories, project photos/video, and awardee publications, presentations, patents, and technology transfers report.
- Complete NASA reporting requirements (STEM Gateway activity acceptance).
- Present research at the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference (Aug. 2026 for Spring/Summer awards; Aug. 2027 for Academic Year awards).

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All awards are fully competitive awards of opportunity in which applications are reviewed by the WSGC Technical Advisory Panel and other experts as needed. Awards are made by the Assistant Director based on recommendations from the Associate Director.