



2024-2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

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NASA COMPETITIONS (OPP)

Applications Open: September 3, 2024

Application Deadline: October 24, 2024

Award Announcements: December 2, 2024

Awards: Up to \$3,000* per project

* Based on availability of funds.

Purpose: The WSGC encourages teams from Academic Affiliates to participate in NASA-sponsored competitions. An academic affiliate institution may only request funding for one team per NASA competition. These opportunities are competitive in nature, involve a NASA center, and require a NASA-managed selection process. Competitions include, but are not limited to [First Nations Launch](#), [Big Idea](#), [HASP](#), [Micro-G NExT](#), [RASC-AL](#), [Lunabotics](#), [RockSat](#), [Space Apps](#), [Student Launch](#), [S.U.I.T.S.](#) and [X-Hab](#). Each competition has its own application process. This announcement pertains only to the process by which teams can request WSGC funding to support participation in a NASA-sponsored competition.

To Apply:

- **CREATE a NASA STEM GATEWAY account** stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually).
- **CREATE a WSGC account** spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually).
- Faculty sign into your WSGC account and submit an application and supporting documents (you may apply to multiple funding programs) to **NASA COMPETITION** spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/.
- Team members/students sign into your WSGC account and submit an application and supporting documents (you may apply to multiple funding programs) to **PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM STUDENT** spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/.

Application Requirements: To apply for NASA Competition funding, the team's faculty advisor and team members/students shall meet the following minimum requirements:

Faculty Advisor Requirements

- Completed/updated NASA STEM GATEWAY registration
- Completed WSGC application online (*see Supporting Materials Required with Application below*)
- Accepted into a NASA-sponsored program
- Minimum 25% Institutional Match

Team Members/Student Requirements

- Undergraduate student
- Enrolled full-time in a [WSGC college or university](#) affiliate
- Created a NASA STEM GATEWAY account stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually)
- Created a WSGC account spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually)
- Applied to the Professional Program Student application page

Supporting Materials Required with Application:

1. Maximum two-page statement containing the following:
 - a. A clear, concise account of your reasons for seeking this funding
 - b. A description of the project your team proposed to compete in the NASA competition
2. Budget/Use of Funds: Provide a budget summary using the [Grant Budget Proposal and Invoice Reporting Template Form](#). The proposal shall include a budget detail explaining the use of allowable [funds](#) for the proposed project including labor (people, hours, rates and total), travel (location, transportation costs, hotel costs, meal costs), participant support costs, materials and supplies, and any other costs (with equivalent detail).
 - a. The period of performance for this award ends no later than August 31, 2025, to support student attendance at the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August.
 - b. WSGC financially supports travel to and from the Wisconsin Space Conference if expenses are included in the budget proposal. Travel details should include purpose, location and duration. (*NOTE: A conference presentation and proceedings paper submission is required for this award).
 - c. A minimum 25% match is required.
 - d. WSGC will not fund Salaries and Fringe or Indirect; however, the organization's 25% project match may include salaries and fringe cost-share.
 - e. WSGC will only overhead; however, the organization's 25% project match may include overhead cost-share.

The Consortium invites applications for NASA Competitions for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Consortium especially encourages applications from members of minority groups, women, and persons with disabilities, and from those pursuing interdisciplinary STEM-related studies supporting NASA Mission Directorates. WSGC requires separate applications be completed for each NASA Competition funding request. All awards are contingent on formal acceptance in a NASA team-based competition.

Award Acceptance Components: As part of the award acceptance, awardees will present their project at the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference as outlined in the award agreement and submit the following documents on the WSGC application website under Program Applications/Your Applications:

Advisor/Institution

- Award Agreement Letter
- Institution W9
- One-Paragraph Biography
- PI Professional Photo
- Quarterly Invoices/Cost-Share Report with Supporting Documentation
- Summary Report
- List of Student Participants

All Team Members

- Register on the WSGC Website
- Apply to the Professional Program Student
- Present project at the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August
- Submit a Proceeding Paper by Sept. 15th to the Proceedings of the Wisconsin Space Journal
- One Team Photo
- 2-3 Project Photos
- Student Story

If you have questions about the [NASA Competition Program](#), please contact:

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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.

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