

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

## **NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **NASA Experimental Programs to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)**

#### **Faculty and Student Travel Grants 2009**

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) has received EPSCoR funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to promote and support participation of students in aerospace-related scientific research. As part of the Core Funding for Research Infrastructure Development opportunities, the Nevada NASA EPSCoR Program is sponsoring "Faculty and Student Travel Grants". These grants will offer funding for undergraduate and graduate students assisting faculty to travel to NASA Centers located across the United States during the spring and summer periods of 2009. This grant will serve as a means of developing new relationships, improving and strengthening existing collaborations between faculty at Nevada's participating institutions and scientists at NASA centers, and educating both faculty and students to fulfill the nation's need for science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) skills.

Eligible applicants must (1) be a faculty or student in good standing within the NSHE, Nevada NASA/NSF EPSCoR and Space Grant Programs; (2) present a proposed Activity Plan that will facilitate future research or collaborations with NASA; (3) have the approval of their respective faculty advisor (for students), department chair or Dean (for faculty); and (4) prepare to provide a report/presentation on the tangible results of their funded travel.

Each Activity Plan must contain the following items:

- Name of Student(s) and/or Faculty requesting the travel.
- Description of travel location and proposed dates.
- Names and contact information for potential collaborators/host(s)
- Short description of the aims and goals of the travel (e.g. papers, course development activities, new proposals, etc....)
- Letter of support from the potential collaborator(s)/host(s)
- Project budget and specific cost justification- initialed by institutional Sponsored Projects Office (Excel budget worksheet and Word Specific Cost Summary template attached)

Applications will be considered as they are submitted through Friday, January 30, 2009, 5:00 p.m. (PST). Please send materials electronically to ATTN: Michele Dewey, NASA EPSCoR Research Administrator, michele\_dewey@nshe.nevada.edu. The application should be in WORD 97 (or newer) or a text file. The Excel budget must be initialed by the institutional Sponsored Projects Office and accompanied by a Specific Costs Justification.

The award date runs from January 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009. Awards are subject to availability of funds, which originate from NASA and NSHE. Awards in the range of \$2,000-\$8,000 will be considered. Any unused funds awarded under this project may be subject to return to the NASA EPSCoR Program Office.

While participants (faculty/students) who receive support through the NASA EPSCoR Program in Nevada do not incur any formal obligations to the government of the United States, the objectives of the program clearly will be best served if participants in the program intend to pursue further study or careers in aerospace science and technology fields and support areas. Applicants for the award will be considered without regard to race, sex, creed, color, age or handicap.

### **Budget**

These funds are intended to assist faculty and/or student travel to NASA Centers located across the United States during the spring and summer periods of 2009. There are restrictions on the use of funds for foreign travel and the standard restrictions and conditions specified by NASA programs apply. The budget must include applicable F&A (indirect costs) for your institution. Funds are restricted to justifiable costs under this project. Please use the Excel spreadsheet and the Specific Cost Summary provided.

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Proposal Cover Page**

Submit proposal electronically to:

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NASA EPSCoR AND NASA Space Grant  
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**Deadline: Applications accepted up through Friday, January 30, 2009 5 p.m. PST**

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State NV Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Requested \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that I am a faculty member of the Nevada System of Higher Education during the period covered in the attached proposal.*

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**Applicant Signature** **Date**

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**Faculty Collaborator** **Date**

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**Department Chair** **Date**

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**Dean** **Date**

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**Office of Sponsored Projects** **Date**