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EPSCOR FUNDING

The EPSCoR program aims to enhance the science and technology capabilities in states and jurisdictions that traditionally receive fewer federal research and development (R&D) funds. EPSCoR’s objective is to foster sustainable enhancements in research infrastructure, capacity, and national competitiveness. UI is eligible for the EPSCoR Programs below.

	Funding Opportunity	Sponsor Deadline
DoD (DEPSCoR)	Capacity Building (CB): Foster new, strategic, multi-thrust efforts to increase basic research capacity in DoD-relevant research areas.	*November (anticipated)
	Research Collaboration (RC): To create basic research collaborations between a PI who has never served as a PI on a prior DOD directly funded research Prime award and a co-PI who will provide mentorship to the Applicant and has served as a PI on a DOD directly funded research award.	November (anticipated)
DOE	Implementation Grants: To improve research capability through the support of a group of scientists and engineers, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows, working on a common scientific theme in one or more EPSCoR jurisdictions.	*Odd Years
	Building EPSCoR-State/DOE-National Laboratory Partnerships: Supports early-stage energy research collaborations with the DOE National Laboratories.	*Even Years
NASA	Suborbital Flight Opportunity (SFO): Supports scientific and or technical research in a suborbital environment that supports NASA’s strategic research and technology development priorities.	**TBD
	International Space Station (ISS) Flight Opportunity: To provide the integration and flight opportunity and open new paths for the jurisdictions to compete for and win much larger spaceflight research projects.	**TBD
	EPSCoR Research Solicitation: To establish research activities that will make significant contributions to NASA’s strategic research and technology development priorities and contribute to the overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities of higher education, and economic development of the jurisdiction receiving funding.	**November (anticipated)
	Rapid Response Research (R3) Award: To provide seed funding that will enable jurisdictions to develop an academic research enterprise directed toward long-term, self-sustaining, nationally competitive capabilities in aerospace and aerospace-related research.	**February
	Research Building Seed Grant (RBSG): To build research infrastructure and help Iowa’s academic faculty establish NASA collaborations in order to become nationally competitive for NASA EPSCoR research funding.	September (anticipated)
	Partnership Development Travel Grants (PDTG): The goal is to provide funds through the Iowa NASA EPSCoR program to build a broad cadre of researchers and industry through support of travel to bring together intra-state scholars to better exchange ideas, explore emerging research areas, and to work more effectively with NASA Centers, industry, other research organizations in the Iowa jurisdiction.	Ongoing

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NSF	EPSCoR: Workshop Opportunities (EPS-WO): Supports workshops in eligible jurisdictions that focus on topics of regional or national importance, and which are relevant to building EPSCoR jurisdictions' research and development capacity.	Ongoing
	EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Research Fellows (NSF-Track only): Builds research capacity by establishing sustainable Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) professional development pathways for early to mid-career investigators.	*April
	EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement-Focused EPSCoR Collaborations Program (RII-FEC): Supports interjurisdictional teams of EPSCoR investigators to perform research in topics that align with NSF priorities, with the goals of driving discovery and building sustainable STEM capacity.	*January
	EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program (EGFP): Supports institutions in EPSCoR jurisdictions by providing funding for graduate fellowships for new or continuing students who received the distinction of NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Honorable Mention within the last three years.	*June
	EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program: EPSCoR Collaborations for Optimizing Research Ecosystems (E-CORE): Supports the strengthening of jurisdiction-wide research ecosystems by fostering interconnected networks and building research infrastructure to grow research capacity and competitiveness aligned with jurisdictional priorities.	*July
	EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement: EPSCoR Research Incubators for STEM Excellence (E-RISE): Supports the development of sustainable research infrastructure and capacity in EPSCoR jurisdictions through collaborative, hypothesis-driven or problem-driven research and workforce development to improve competitiveness in a selected STEM field.	*August

Note: release dates and deadlines are subject to change, please follow sponsor notifications for the most up to date program information.

*Limited Submission Opportunity: additional internal submission steps required.

**One application per jurisdiction, additional jurisdictional submission steps required.

Limited Submissions

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