

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[NASA Minority University Research and Education Project for Sustainability and Innovation Collaborative - MUSIC](#)

NASA's Office of Education Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) solicits proposals from MSIs to propose to the MUSIC activity to provide awareness of mission-related funds for MSIs to continuously build capacity through competitive opportunities, including contracts, grants, and contract execution best practices. MSIs require more funds for modern infrastructure. Researchers have indicated that, even when a public MSI receives more per student funding than its neighboring public Majority Institutions, the majority institutions tend to have more than five times the student enrollment, and as a result are better equipped to create technology-heavy infrastructures that are expensive to support (Jones, 2014). Further analysis indicates that because of this and related phenomenon, additional resources are required to grow institutional capabilities and research programs in public MSIs (Gassman, 2010; Matthews, 2011; Espinosa, et. al, 2015).

In the face of declining state and federal appropriations, MSIs could benefit from a forum where they can collaborate with institutions that share similar challenges to learn industry best practices that look for focused opportunities to develop partnerships, and learn about other potential funding sources (Jones, 2014). This solicitation seeks proposals that create workshop and training opportunities for MSIs to refine their process for securing NASA funding resources resulting in building their institutional capacity.

This solicitation is a cooperative agreement to provide workshop(s) and training materials that establish a structure of sustainable support for MSIs that desire to develop their institution's capacity for competition for federal funds and implementation of NASA-focused development and contracting opportunities by MSIs.

MUSIC will address the following long-term NASA Agency goals and objectives, NASA Education performance goals that are outlined in the NASA Strategic Plan:

Strategic Goal 1 – Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space.

NASA Objective 1.7: Transform NASA missions and advance the Nation's capabilities by maturing crosscutting and innovative space technologies.

Strategic Goal 2 – Advance understanding of Earth and develop technologies to improve the quality of life on our home planet.

Objective 2.4: Advance the Nation's STEM education and workforce pipeline by working collaboratively with other agencies to engage students, teachers, and faculty in NASA's missions and unique assets.

Strategic Goal 3 – Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure.

Objective 3.1: Attract and advance a highly skilled, competent, and diverse workforce, cultivate an innovative work environment, and provide the facilities, tools, and services needed to conduct NASA's missions.

https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/files/FY2014_NASA_SP_508c.pdf

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Eligibility

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, UTSA is eligible to propose to the various activities under MUSIC.

- Proposal teams shall consist of eligible lead institutions that will receive no less than 55% of the award.
- Only one proposal per eligible lead institution/DUNS number will be accepted (institutions may subcontract). Eligible organizations that have multiple and/or different DUNS numbers shall submit no more than ONE (1) proposal as the lead institution.
- One of the proposing team members shall be an MSI. Every team submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation must designate a single individual, the PI, who will be responsible for the quality and direction of the entire proposed effort and for the use of all awarded funds. There shall be only one PI who is solely responsible for the proposed investigation.

Application Limit

No more than **one** proposal per eligible lead institution is allowed, however eligible institutions are allowed to subcontract.

Award Amount

NASA expects to select two to three (2-3) proposals for this award. Awards from this program element are expected to be two years in duration. Estimated total annual funding amount is \$900,000 - subject to the availability of funds.

Timeline

Limited Submissions Proposal Due	Selection Notification	NOI Due to Funder	Proposal Due to Funder
March 12, 2018	March 21, 2018	March 23, 2018	May 22, 2018

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Questions? Please reference the **[UTSA Limited Submissions website](#)** or contact **LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu**