



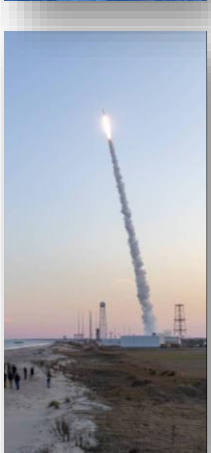
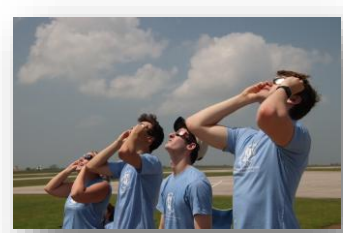
# LaSPACE 2026 Quarter 2 Virtual Meeting

Colleen H. Fava, **Director**

**Zoom Meeting**

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**Monday, June 22, 2026, 3:00 pm**





# Meeting Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- LA NASA Space Grant Funding
  - Old Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> NCE + Close out
  - New Award: Year 1 Closeout + Year 2 Proposals
  - Both Awards: Invoicing & Annual Reporting
- LA NASA EPSCoR Funding
  - Active RID Award Updates
  - R3 Program
  - Basic Research Program
- 2026 LaSPACE Meetings
- Community Discussion
- Adjourn





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# LA Space Grant Old Award Status

## **OLD Award:** *Advancing the NASA Mission in Louisiana + 5th Year Extension*

- **Funded Award Period of 5 years: 06/10/2020—06/09/2025**
- **1<sup>st</sup> NCE: 06/10/2020—06/09/2026**
- **Funding Allocated under NCE (30 total projects / 19 at lead + 2 NASA Interns summer 2026)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> NCE Request: 06/10/2020—06/09/2027**
  - We opened a funded extension for summer 2026 on active NIFs awards in April
  - Received 16 proposals & funded 11
  - Progress Reports due: 06/30/2026; Awards close: 08/31/2026; Final Reports due: 09/30/2026
  - Annual Reporting due to NASA by October 15, 2026
- **We expect to fully expend and closeout the old award in the fall**
  - If you have an active award, NCE, or funded extension, it is imperative that you make every effort to spend down the full award.
  - Contact [laspace@lsu.edu](mailto:laspace@lsu.edu) if you have questions about spend down.





# LA Space Grant New Award: Year 1 Funding (1/2)

## Year 1 Funding (\$945K from NASA + \$250K from Board of Regents)

### Fall 2025 Awards

- 6 LaACES Projects (LSU, Loyola, McNeese, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southern)
- 4 Senior Design Projects (LaTech(2), McNeese, Southeastern)
- 2 SAFOS Awards (both for HASP projects) (LSU, Southeastern)
- 7 REA Awards (LSU(2), LaTech(2), LSU-Ag, Southeastern, Tulane)
- 1 LaSSO Award (Northwestern)
- 5 LURA Awards (LaTech(2), Southeastern, ULL(2))
- 6 GSRA Awards (LaTech(3), LSU(2), ULL)

### Spring 2026 Awards

- Teacher Professional Development – 10 LA Civil Air Patrol Educators attending SEEC
- 19 Guided Pathways in STEM Scholars from 10 campuses (Delgado, Grambling, LaTech, Loyola, LSU(6), Southeastern, SouthernBR(3), SouthernNO(1), ULL(2), UNO(2))





# LA Space Grant New Award: Year 1 Funding (2/2)

**Year 1 Funding (\$945K from NASA + \$250K from Board of Regents) *continued***

## Summer 2026 Awards

- Teacher Professional Development – 4 middle school teachers attending Liftoff 2026
- 2 Teams Participating in RockOn! 2026 (Grambling, Delgado Community College)
- 2 2026 GIRAF Awards (co-funded with LA Sea Grant) (LSU, Tulane)
- 14 Interns (1 NASA, 1 ULL+NASA, 12 Industry: 2 Avex, New Iberia; 2 Vivace, MAF/NOLA; 2 Lockheed Martin, MAF/NOLA; 3 Lockheed Martin, Stennis; 3 Cislune, Remote/CA) (LaTech(2), LSU(9), Tulane)





# LA Space Grant New Award: Year 2 Funding

## Year 2 Funding (\$870K from NASA + \$250K from Board of Regents)

### Proposals Due Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

- 5 LaACES Proposals (Loyola, McNeese, Northwestern, Southeastern, Xavier) + LSU Standing Project
- 8 Senior Design Proposals (LaTech, LSU(4), McNeese(2), Southeastern)
- 2 LaSSO Proposals (LaTech, Nicholls)
- 14 LURA Proposals (LaTech(6), LSU(6), McNeese, ULL)
- 7 GSRA Proposals (LaTech(3), LSU(2), LSU-HSC-S, McNeese)
- 1 STEMS Proposal (Xavier)

### Proposals Due Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 24 REA NOIs Received (Dillard, Grambling(2), LSU-Ag, LSU(3), LaTech(8), LSU-HSC-S(2), Southeastern, Southern(2), Tulane, ULL(2)).

### Open-ended & Future Proposal/Application Programs

- Spring 2027 GPS Program
- Teacher Development / Outreach
- SAFOS
- Summer 2027 Internships

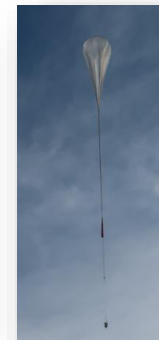
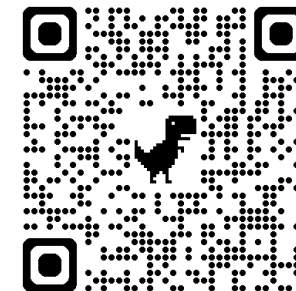




# All Awards: Invoicing, Modifications, & Reporting

## Subaward Expectations

- Invoice Monthly starting 60 days in (e.g. 8/15 start date = 10/15 1<sup>st</sup> Invoice)
- Off campus subawards use the prepopulated billing and cost-share forms
- Spend and invoice/charge accounts in-line with the approved budget
- ALL Modification Requests must be routed through your Sponsored Program's Office and directed to [laspace@lsu.edu](mailto:laspace@lsu.edu) following instructions provided in guidelines, contracts, award letters, and posted to our website [document center](#)
- Rebudget Requests must be submitted using the LaSPACE Budget Revision Form which includes tabs for the awarded funds and cost-share. Requests must show the original proposed budget, the delta, and proposed revised budget. Line-item justifications and an overall summary justification are required. Major budget changes may require further documentation and an amendment.
- NCE requests require a progress report from the PI submitted via our online reporting system and must be submitted 60 days before the project end date (e.g. 5/31 end date = 4/1 deadline for NCEs)
- Final Reports are due no later than 30 days after the project end date (e.g. 5/31 end date = 6/30 deadline for NCEs)





# LA NASA EPSCoR Program Updates (1/3)

## NASA EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Development (RID Award)

- **Original Award Period: 07/01/2022—06/30/2027**
  - Year 5 (2026-2027): 19 RAP Proposals / 10 Awarded
  - Year 5: Remaining Funding Available for TAPs and EPSCoR focused state meeting
  - NASA EPSCoR 5<sup>th</sup> Yr supplement (\$325K) + Year 6 Funding (\$200K + BoR \$125K)
    - Proposal Guidance Released: 5/12/26
    - Proposals Due: 6/18/26
    - New PoP: 07/01/2022—06/30/2028
    - Year 6 will duplicate previous years (Admin, RAPs, TAPs)
    - Year 5 Supplement will support a one-time Mega-RAP opportunity
      - Limited Submission (2 per campus)
      - Number of Awards: 3
      - Funding Amount: \$100K
      - Cost-Share: \$25K
      - PoP: 15-18 Months
- Expect to utilize 1<sup>st</sup> NCE so that total PoP would become 07/01/2022—06/30/2029
- Anticipate call for new multi-year RID Proposals to come out in 2027, potential funding increase





# LA NASA EPSCoR Program Updates (2/3)

## NASA EPSCoR Rapid Research Response (R3) (NNH24ZHA003C-EPSCORR3)

- **Proposals Submitted in February of 2025 for FY26 funding**
  - Reviews are complete and award requests sent to NSSC
  - Notifications will come from NSSC
  - On June 9, 2026, the NASA EPSCoR Program Manager sent an email that stated “The FY25 R3 selections are progressing and the awardees should be notified in the next few weeks.”
- **FY27 R3 Forecast**
  - Expecting the program to reopen
  - Potential increase in funding
  - Likely increase in PoP (18-24 months)
  - Unknown if the submission process will remain limited submission by institution or return to limited submission by jurisdictions with submittals centralized at the jurisdiction NASA EPSCoR office





# LA NASA EPSCoR Program Updates (3/3)

## NASA EPSCoR Basic Research Competition

- **FY 2026 Solicitation has been cancelled**
  - LA Panel Review and Down-select was completed on May 4, 2026
  - As previously announced, two proposals were selected ( 1 for FY26 & 1 for FY27)
  - Notifications were held back until after the May 16<sup>th</sup> vote on the BORSF
  - On May 12<sup>th</sup> we learned the FY26 NOFO was not going to be out in FY26
  - On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we learned the FY27 NOFO would be released ASAP (July/August)
- **FY 2027 Solicitation**
  - Goal is to release ASAP (mid-July to August, but nlt 9/30/26) with some changes
    - 2 submissions per jurisdiction (instead of 1)
    - 28 anticipated awards (instead of 14)
    - No guarantee on distribution; jurisdictions could each win 0, 1, or 2
  - Louisiana submissions:
    - Arup Bhattacharya, LSU, Construction Management, *Advanced Modeling of Environmental Control & Life Support for Planetary Surface Exploration (AM-ECLIPSE)*
    - Farzad Ferdowsi, ULL, Electrical Engineering, *Deep-Space Autonomy via Integrated Electro-Structural Digital Twins for CubeSat Missions*





# LaSPACE 2026 Community Meetings

## 2026 LaSPACE Quarterly Virtual Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

- Quarter 1: Monday, April 6, 2026 @ 3 pm
- Quarter 2: Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 3 pm
- Quarter 3: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 3 pm

## 2026 LaSPACE Annual Meeting @ Tulane University in New Orleans

- Friday, November 13, 2026 – Saturday, November 14, 2026

### LaSPACE Meetings Landing Page

*Meeting Materials are usually posted here*

<https://laspace.lsu.edu/laspace-meetings/>





# Community Discussion



## ***Reminder!***

*All official communications (questions, requests, proposals, invoices, NCEs, etc) must be submitted to [laspace@lsu.edu](mailto:laspace@lsu.edu). We cannot guarantee any response when communications are submitted to individual LaSPACE staff members.*

