

Frequently Asked Questions

Seeking Collaborators to Assist NASA in Inspiring a New Generation of Scientists, Engineers, Explorers, Educators and Innovators

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Questions as of April 28, 2011

- Q1. Please clarify how an external organization would benefit from partnering with NASA as a result of this announcement.
- A1. It is up to respondent organizations to determine the value of potential partnership with NASA. One direct outcome of a partnership with NASA on its education efforts is alignment with NASA on addressing national education priorities to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.
- Q2. Please clarify if funds to partner organizations are available through this announcement.
- A2. Please see page 1 of the announcement under **Statement of Purpose**: “The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) seeks unfunded collaboration with organizations to enhance its ability to achieve its strategic goals, outcomes and objectives as they relate to education.” Please also review **General Information** on page 4 and the definition of **Nonreimbursable Space Act Agreement** on page 5. Respondents will be responsible for financing their own activities. No NASA funding is available for this purpose
- Q3. Are international organizations eligible to respond to this announcement?
- A3. Please see page 3 of the Announcement under **Eligibility**: “All categories of domestic entities, including U.S. Federal government agencies, are eligible to respond to this Announcement.” International organizations are not eligible to respond.
- Q4. May we discuss potential partnership ideas with NASA before the response due date?
- A4. One objective of this Announcement is to encourage innovation and creativity for NASA education. For this reason, NASA Office of Education cannot provide additional direction, other than what is already provided in the Announcement on how to frame and develop the proposed response.
- Q5. Are you looking for individual contributors as partners/collaborators?
- A5. Please see page 3 of the Announcement under **Eligibility**: “All categories of domestic entities, including U.S. Federal government agencies, are eligible to respond to this Announcement.” Individuals are eligible to respond to this Announcement.

- Q6. Can you give me examples of the types of materials/resources that we might consider requesting as we design the application?
- A6. Respondents may request access to NASA assets and resources, such as people, content, and facilities. NASA will consider each request on a case-by-case basis during the evaluation process. Please note the fourth evaluation criteria on page 3 of the announcement: “The level of NASA resources requested for the collaboration is commensurate with the level of value and benefits offered to NASA.”

Questions as of June 14, 2011

- Q7. What is the timeline for starting partnership projects? Is it necessary for activities to begin as soon as possible or can they start in the future, for example, as far as 2014?
- A7. The Announcement states that NASA is seeking collaborations that will help NASA achieve one or more of the NASA strategic goals for education described in the 2011 NASA Strategic Plan, and that the last review cycle will begin on January 3, 2012. While NASA has no specific requirements for when activities should begin, it is expected that activities will commence within a reasonable time after the Parties have executed a Space Act Agreement detailing the terms and conditions for their collaboration and within the scope of NASA’s current funding horizon. Responders are reminded that this Announcement does not represent the only avenue for entering into Space Act Agreements with NASA, and that NASA issues new Announcements on a regular basis.