PECASE
Information/Requirements

Selection Criteria
- Performance of innovative research at the frontiers of science, engineering, and technology relevant to the mission of the sponsoring organization or agency.
- Commitment to community service, as demonstrated through scientific leadership, education, community outreach or public engagement.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Awardees must be US citizens, nationals, or permanent residents;
- Awardees may only receive one PECASE award;
- Awardees must be in good standing with his/her employer;
- Nominees must be conducting NASA-sponsored research in science, engineering, or technology development at NASA centers, universities, colleges or elsewhere.
- At the time of nomination to OSTP, the nominee must be in the beginning of his or her independent research career, which is generally defined as either:
  a. in the first five years since receiving his or her first competitively awarded federal research funding (as principal investigator),
     - Excludes funds secured during graduate school or postdoctoral training/fellowship and funds secured for training, fellowship, education, or career development.
     - Excludes NASA center internal awards
  b. in the first five years of a tenure-track or equivalent academic or federal research position.
     - Since finishing graduate school or postdoctoral training/fellowship.

The total time since finishing graduate school (receiving highest degree) must be less than 10 years.

Exceptions to these guidelines may be granted, if merited by a particular field or individual circumstance: a written explanation must be provided for an exception that makes a clear case that the nominee is effectively in the early stages of his or her career.

Selection of Candidates:
- NASA HQ organizations will submit candidates to the Office of Chief Scientist
- Candidates will be reviewed and selected by a senior level NASA-wide panel, established by the Office of Chief Scientist.
• For purposes of PECASE, traditionally underrepresented groups in science and engineering are defined to be women, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, African American, American Indian, or Alaska Natives.
• Final selection is made by the White House.

Guidelines for funding:
• Currently, funding for each awardee must be provided by the nominating organization—there is no central funding for PECASE awards. The specific form of the award will be determined by the nominating organization, but should be equivalent to a $200K grant; e.g. a grant of $50K/year for 4 years.

\[1\text{ The term "nationals" refers to native residents of a possession of the United States such as American Samoa.}\]