



NASA Grants Policy and Compliance

Introduction to the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Manual (GCAM)

What is the GCAM?

The [Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual](#) (GCAM) is NASA's definitive policy guide for the implementation of government-wide and NASA-specific regulations for awarding and administering grants and cooperative agreements. The GCAM seeks to clarify the award roles, responsibilities, and requirements, offer a centralized location for award resources, and provide a concise and practical guide for the NASA grant community in the administration of grants and cooperative agreements.

Who should use the GCAM?

NASA personnel with a role in the management, oversight, or administration of grants and cooperative agreements should reference the GCAM, including Grant Officers (GOs), Technical Officers (TOs), and Program Officers. External to NASA, grant and cooperative agreement award recipients should use the GCAM to reference NASA-specific requirements, reference award reporting requirements, and answer questions about processes and procedures associated with the NASA award.

Who maintains the GCAM?

The [Grants Policy and Compliance](#) (GPC) team within the Office of Procurement maintains the GCAM. GPC issues changes or clarifications to the policies in the GCAM between formal updates by releasing [Grant Information Circulars](#) (GICs).

Where can I access the GCAM?

The GCAM is accessible to NASA personnel on the [GPC SharePoint Site](#). The GCAM is also accessible to our external audiences on [GPC's external webpage](#).

Is the GCAM useful throughout the award lifecycle?

Yes! The GCAM provides guidance pertaining to the entire award lifecycle. See below for a few examples.

