



INTRODUCTION TO THE NASA GRANT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MANUAL (GCAM)

NASA Grants Policy and Compliance

What is the GCAM?

The [NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual](#) (GCAM) is NASA's definitive Federal financial assistance policy guide for applicants and recipients. The GCAM describes roles, responsibilities, and requirements; offers a centralized location for award resources; and provides a concise and practical guide that addresses the pre-award, award, post-award, and closeout phases of the grant life cycle.

Prior to October 2024, NASA's guidance on the grant pre-award process was contained in NASA's *Proposer's Guide*. The contents of the *Proposer's Guide* have been fully incorporated into the GCAM to create a single resource for the public.

Who Should Use the GCAM?

The GCAM is designed to be a one-stop shop for NASA's grant and cooperative agreement applicants and recipients. Current award recipients and first-time applicants will find relevant grants management information in the GCAM.

Where Can I Access the GCAM?

The GCAM is accessible on NASA's Grants Policy and Compliance (GPC) [webpage](#).

Who Maintains the GCAM?

The Office of Procurement, Procurement and Grants Policy Division, Grants Policy and Compliance maintains the GCAM. GPC implements revisions or clarifications to the policies in the GCAM by releasing Grant Information Circulars (GICs), which are available on GPC's [webpage](#).

Is the GCAM Useful Throughout the Award Life Cycle?

Yes! The GCAM provides guidance pertaining to all phases of the grant life cycle as well as the single audit process. See below for a few examples:

