Engaging with NASA: Partnerships, Programs, and Opportunities

40th Annual Small Satellite Conference

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10:00- 10:45 AM



- Learn how to connect with NASA through partnerships, solicitations, and collaboration pathways across small spacecraft science missions and technology development opportunities.

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SMD Solicitations

NASA SMD solicits proposals for investigations, partnerships, and missions as Broad Agency Announcements, including NASA Research Announcements (NRAs), Announcements of Opportunity (AOs), and Cooperative Agreement Notices (CANs).

science.nasa.gov/researchers/



Funding Opportunities and Announcements

Primary portal for science mission opportunities

ROSES

- Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES) is made up of many different calls for proposals, each with its own topics and due date.

Solicitations

- Funding Opportunities
- Future Solicitations
- Community Announcements

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SMD Solicitation Timelines

NSPIRES PORTAL

nspires.nasaprs.com

Registration &
Portal Access

SOMA

soma.larc.nasa.gov

Planning List for
SMD Solicitations

Schedules, Draft AO's, and
acquisition updates

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