

Summary of Kentucky Space Grant Consortium Programs

Award Program Category ¹	Program Acronym	Program Description	US Citizenship Required ²	Max Award Request	Indirect Costs Allowed	Required Cost-Share (\$CS:\$Award)	Level of NASA Alignment
Graduate Fellowships	GF	Salary or stipend, tuition, materials and travel for MS and PhD students to conduct NASA-aligned research	Yes	\$50,000	No	1:1	Collaboration ³
Research Experience for Undergraduates	REU	Salary or stipend, materials and travel for undergrad students to conduct NASA-aligned research	Yes	\$10,000	No	0.5:1 / None ⁶	Use of NASA resources ⁴
Team Projects	TP	Salary, materials, travel and other support for student teams participating in NASA-related competitions, research or design projects	No	\$17,500	Yes	0.5:1 / None ⁶	Alignment with NASA/KYSGC objectives ⁵
Research Initiation Awards	RIA	Faculty directed research to explore NASA collaborations and NASA-aligned research topics	No	\$35,000	Yes	1:1	Collaboration ³
Mini-Grants	MG	Pre-college, science center and college outreach activities, targeted student activities and teacher PD	No	\$10,000	Yes	None required	Alignment with NASA/KYSGC objectives ⁵
Affiliate Program Grants	APG	Pre-college, science center and college projects aligned with KYSGC Strategic Themes or NASA Space Grant objectives	No	\$25,000	Yes	1:1	Alignment with NASA/KYSGC objectives ⁵

Notes:

¹ PIs are limited to **one (1) new proposal submission per program category**. No limit for collaboration as a Co-I.

² **US Citizenship** is required for students receiving direct support under NIF awards (GF, REU). Citizenship is not required for other programs.

³ **Letter of support (preferred) or communication (such as email) required that describes NASA participation, partnership or collaboration with the project.** Letters endorsing value or merit of the project without acknowledging involvement or support do not qualify. (See [NASA KY FAQ](#) for more information.) Letters of support may be from NASA or related organizations including Institutes/Laboratories such as JPL, Space Telescope Science Institute, National Space Biomedical Institute, CASIS, etc. A limited number of proposals for KY Research Partnerships may be selected which do not require NASA-affiliated letters of support.

⁴ **NASA resources may include:** facilities, collaborators, datasets, modeling, source code, curricula, images, citizen science projects, or other materials developed and made available to the public or researchers by NASA or NASA-supported projects. Links to NASA research studies are available through NASA STI (<https://sti.nasa.gov/>) and NASA Techport (<https://techport.nasa.gov/home>).

⁵ See following sections for description of **NASA and KYSGC objectives**.

⁶ **Match requirement:** Match requirement for TP and REU is waived for regional and KCTCS institutions.