



**ND NASA EPSCoR
TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
FUNDS AVAILABLE: Approximately \$8,000
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TO: UND and NDSU Faculty in Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics
FROM: Dr. Paul S. Hardersen, Director, North Dakota NASA EPSCoR
RE: North Dakota NASA EPSCoR Travel Opportunities

North Dakota NASA EPSCoR is currently soliciting travel proposals from University of North Dakota (UND) and North Dakota State University (NDSU) faculty in the physical sciences, engineering, and mathematics. Travel requests should facilitate one of the following interactions with NASA: 1) foster direct collaborative research with personnel at one or more NASA field centers, 2) conduct preliminary research in support of a future non-NASA EPSCoR research proposal, 3) to attend a NASA-related conference, and 4) to fund graduate student participation in one of the above three activities.

Awards require a 1.5:1 match from the PI. Acceptable sources of match include cash. No other sources of match are allowed. Match can only be applied to the time period of the travel and related activities. Non-travel items will not be funded via this RFP. All awards require an end-of-year award report to be filed with the ND EPSCoR office. The goal of this NASA EPSCoR funding is to make award recipients nationally competitive for future, non-EPSCoR research solicitations. Submissions must also be consistent with one or more components of the 2006 NASA Strategic Plan, which can be found here: www.nasa.gov/pdf/142302main_2006_NASA_Strategic_Plan.pdf. Travel funds will be available beginning October 15, 2008 and must be spent no later than April 30, 2009.

Checklist requirements:

1. A cover page that lists principal investigator (PI) contact information, amount of award, department chair signature, and a statement that the PI has/has not received ND NASA EPSCoR funding since July 1, 2007.
2. A 2-3 page detailed description of the proposed travel, its relevance to NASA, and how the travel will benefit or facilitate the PI's research activities.
3. Name and contact information of collaborating NASA researcher(s), if any.
4. A detailed budget. Use the Budget Summary form at this web site: www.ndepscor/rfps/documents/NASABudgetform04220051206_001.doc. Include a one-page budget narrative along with the Budget Summary that itemizes, describes, and justifies each budget item. Include a separate, more detailed budget, if necessary. A lack of sufficient budget detail will adversely impact the evaluation of a proposal. UND proposers are not required to use the UND Proposal Transmittal Form for travel. NDSU proposals require a signed proposal transmittal form by the request of the EPSCoR Office when awards are made. If applicable, include a statement describing how a graduate student will benefit from this travel.

One original and three stapled copies of proposals are due in the UND or NDSU ND EPSCoR office by 12:00 p.m., October 1, 2008. Also, an electronic submission of the proposal as a single, unlocked PDF attachment must be sent to Carla Kellner at carla.kellner@und.nodak.edu. A one-page report is due at the end of the travel prior to travel cost reimbursement.

Questions regarding this announcement can be addressed to Paul S. Hardersen, Director, ND NASA EPSCoR, (Hardersen@space.edu, 701-777-4896) or Carla Kellner (Carla.Kellner@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492). Visit the ND NASA EPSCoR web site for more information: www.ndnasaepscor.space.edu.