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## **NASA EPSCoR FY21 CAN RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH (R3) – ND DOWN-SELECT**

The NASA EPSCoR (Established Program to Simulate Competitive Research) FY21 Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) R3 Solicitation limits each jurisdiction to the submission of one proposal per each of the technical areas specified. This down-select process is to identify which proposal(s) will go forward for North Dakota.

The R3 Solicitation (NNH21ZHA002C) and amendments can be found online here:

<https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary/init.do?solId={BD4B7C17-F8C7-D324-ADAB-443D7C432D7E}&path=open>

*From the Solicitation:*

“Each funded NASA EPSCoR proposer **shall work closely with a NASA researcher** to focus on developing competitive research and technology for the solution of scientific and technical issues of importance to the NASA Mission Directorates as listed in Appendices A through I. The Rapid Response Research (R3) program is an attempt to implement research within NASA and commercial partners to address technical issues. It will allow EPSCoR researchers to work alongside NASA and commercial partners for up to one year and is intended to strengthen the bonds among EPSCoR jurisdictions, NASA, the commercial partners, and other entities.”

“Successful research proposals are likely to be those that provide sound contributions to both immediate and long-term scientific and technical needs of NASA as explicitly expressed in current NASA documents and communications, as well as those that contribute to the overall research infrastructure and economic development of the jurisdiction.”

### **ND NASA EPSCoR Pre-proposal guidelines:**

- Eligible proposers include faculty members at a [ND NASA EPSCoR affiliate institution](#).
- Cost sharing is not required.
- Pre-proposals can be up to 3 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins
- Proposers **must clearly indicate** which technical area they are addressing (defined in the appendices of the solicitation).
- Complete the online form and submit narrative as PDF upload by **noon** on the deadline.

<http://ndnasaepscor.und.edu/>

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### **Proposal Evaluation:**

- The review panel will use the evaluation methods and merit factors included in the solicitation to select the ND proposal(s) moving forward.
- Evaluation criteria include: intrinsic merit, management, and budget (as outlined in the NASA solicitation).
- To align with these evaluation criteria, ND NASA EPSCoR R3 CAN pre-proposals will be subject to review in the following specific areas:
  - Research Objectives
  - NASA Relevance
  - Scientific Merit
  - Implementation Strategy
  - Management Plan
  - Anticipated Outcomes
  - Budget Reasonableness
  - Evidence of Collaboration
  - Contribution to Diversity

Online Submission Form: [https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ai62esgl60ouFWR](https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ai62esgl60ouFWR)

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