What is FAST?

The Fellowships Advancing Science and Technology (FAST) is a joint effort between NASA and National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR programs. US faculties from accredited colleges and universities enrolling significant percentages of undergraduate minority students within the EPSCoR jurisdictions may submit proposals to NSF.

**ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS ARE:**

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSIs)
- Tribal Colleges or Universities (TCUs)
- Other institutions that enroll a significant percentage of underrepresented minority students as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. These other institutions include:
  - Alaska Native-serving Institutions
  - Native Hawaiian-serving Institutions
  - Predominantly Black Institutions
  - Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institutions
  - Native American-serving Nontribal Institutions.
- Institutions of higher education that primarily serve populations of students with disabilities
- Women’s Colleges
- Two-year Colleges
- Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs)

**NSF Track-4: FAST:** up to $300,000 (over a duration of 24 months)

- Up to 6 months of salary support for the PI and one trainee-level participant
- Includes up to $75,000 in travel and living expenses for the PI and trainee-level participant
- Includes up to $10,000 (total) for fees, supplies, equipment, publication costs, etc.
- Includes up to $5,000 (total) for other research-related travel
- Additional $60K from NASA EPSCoR for research infrastructure at home institution

For more information, please visit US Department of Education: [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html)

Applicants will work with NASA researchers; collaboration and commitment must be established prior to submitting proposals to NSF.


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