



NASA Grants, AO and NRA Submission System User Feedback

NASA's Science Mission Directorate (SMD) is soliciting participant feedback on their experiences with submitting proposal or participating in proposal reviews for NASA Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Announcement Opportunities (AO) through the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES).

The anonymous form is designed to collect information on your experiences finding funding opportunities, submitting proposals, notification of your proposal status, and panel proposal review participation. Your feedback will help SMD identify IT system enhancements to improve your experience.

There are a total of four sections, which take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

- The first section focuses on your experience using NSPIRES to find funding opportunities and submit proposals.
- The second section asks about your proposal submission process.
- The third section collects your feedback on the panel review process for proposals.
- The final section gathers any final thoughts about your experience and the system utilized to submit and review proposals.

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How do you find NASA funding opportunities?

This section asks about your experience finding NASA funding opportunities, where you look to find opportunities and how you submit proposals for funding opportunities. If this section does not apply to you, skip to the next section.

How do you find out about NASA Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), NASA Research Announcements (NRAs) or Announcement Opportunities (AO)?

Where do you go to find new NOFOs and NRAs?

- ☐ Grants.gov
- ☐ NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES)
- ☐ Other: _____

How easy or difficult is it to find NOFOs, NRAs, AOs?

On a level from 1 to 5, with 1 being very easy, 5 being very difficult, and 3 as neutral, rate your experience finding funding opportunities.

1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

How do you submit your response to NOFOs and NRAs?

What mechanism do you use to submit responses? Is there a specific website or are responses mailed?

- ☐ NSPIRES
- ☐ Grants.gov
- ☐ Other: _____

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Your experience with the NASA submission process

The next section asks about your experience with using the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) to submit a notice of intent (NOI) or proposal. If this section does not apply to you, skip to the next section.

What level of ease or difficulty is experienced during the submission process?

On a level from 1 to 5, with 1 being very easy, 5 being very difficult, and 3 as neutral, rate your experience with submitting a response/proposal.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very Easy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Very Difficult

Why did you select the above ease/difficulty rating?

Share why you selected the rating, including examples.

Your answer

What works well during the submission process?

Describe any parts of the process you feel work well or were easy for you to submit an NOI or proposal.

Your answer

What do you feel needs to be improved in the submission process?

Describe any parts of the process need to be improved.

Your answer

How has your experience been with the notification process?

The notification process includes the time between NOFO/ NRA closing, through selection and notification of selection status to proposers.

On a level from 1 to 5, with 1 being very dissatisfied, 3 as neutral, and 5 being very satisfied, rate your experience with submitting a response/proposal.

How has your experience been with the notification process?

The notification process includes the time between NOFO/ NRA closing, through selection and notification of selection status to proposers.

On a level from 1 to 5, with 1 being very dissatisfied, 3 as neutral, and 5 being very satisfied, rate your experience with submitting a response/proposal.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very dissatisfied	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Very satisfied

Why did you select that rating for the notification experience?

Share why you selected the rating, providing examples. Share what works well and what can be improved?

Your answer

What challenges have you experienced when applying to or thinking of applying to an SMD NOFO/NRA/AO?

Your answer

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Your experience with the NASA panel and proposal review process

This section asks about your experience as a participant of the proposal review process as a panelist. All questions are focused on accessing the proposal information and submitting your findings in NSPIRES.

If this section does not apply to you, please skip to the next section.

How has your experience been with accessing proposals and submitting feedback been?

As a panel reviewer you access NSPIRES to view the proposals assigned to you and then submit your recommendations. On a level from 1 to 5, with 1 being difficult, 3 as neutral, and 5 easy, rate your experience.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very difficult	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Very easy

Why is your experience rated this way?

Share why you selected the rating. Provide examples.

Your answer

What works well with the panel review?

What works when well you are accessing proposals for review and submitting the assessment?

Your answer

What can be improved?

What can be improved with the panel review process?

Your answer

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Final thoughts

This is the last section and collects any other feedback or thoughts you have regarding your utilization of NSPIRES for the submission or panel review process.

Please share any additional comments, suggestions or feedback regarding your experience with the NASA SMD NRA/NOFO/AO process and NSPIRES.

Your answer

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Thank you for your feedback! The information you shared will be used to identify IT system enhancements to improve your experience. If you have any questions or additional feedback, contact hq-smd-nspires@mail.nasa.gov.

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