



NASA SPACE TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

FALL 2026 (**NSTGRO26**) - NNH26ZTR001N-26NSTGRO-B6

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NSTGRO26 Summary of Application Procedures

Important Dates

	Date	Comments
Initial Proposal Due	Jan 29, 2026 (4 pm local)	Submitted by OCG through Nspires
Letters of Recommendation Due	Feb 3, 2026 (4 pm local)	Submitted directly by the Letter Writers via Google Forms
Selection Notification	“by September 2026”	via Nspires (budget, etc. provided if selected)
Continuation package Due	Annually	Progress report, assessment by advisor, academic progress, budget/justification
Fellowship Start	Aug 15, 2026 (planning)	As finalized by NSTGRO and CU Boulder

[NSTGRO26 announcement & other documents on Nspires website](#)

Initial NSTGRO26 Proposal

The Office of Contracts and Grants (OCG) does not require a Proposal Submission Request (PSR) at this stage.

PI and Student actions (see NASA's [NSTGRO26 Proposal Submission Guidelines](#) for details):

Student arranges for 3 Letters of Recommendation to be submitted separately from the Nspires steps below. Instructions are provided in [NSTGRO26 LOR Guidelines](#) and OCG is not involved with the letters.

Step 1 – PI and Student register and activate NSPIRES accounts.

Step 2 – Affiliate with the submitting university. Faculty advisor must be affiliated with the **University of Colorado, Boulder, UEI# SPVKK1RC2MZ3, CAGE Code 4B475**. Student CU affiliation is optional but preferred.

Step 3 – Faculty PI must initiate the NSTGRO26 Nspires proposal and assign the Graduate/Undergraduate Student as a team member with edit privileges. Student confirms participation per Nspires emailed instructions. Student completes the cover pages (Summary, Business Data, Program Specific Data Q #1 - #29).

Step 4 – Student uploads the single Proposal PDF attachment to Nspires.

Proposal, searchable PDF attachment. **Required format** (except for transcripts): **8.5" x 11" pages, 12-pt font, 1" margins. Prepared by the student and sections are appropriately labeled in this exact order:**

- **Personal Statement**, 2 pages; Research Potential, Project Origin, Goal Achievement, Grades (if applicable).
- **Project Narrative**, 5 pages (additional pages for references permitted), Figure captions may use 8- or 10-point font and must include the citation unless depicting student's own unpublished work.
- **NSTGRO Schedule**, 1 page; year-by-year schedule stating the proposed start/end dates, academic degree program and research milestones, proposed Visiting Technologist Experience (VTE) dates.
- **Student Curriculum Vitae**, 2 pages, 3rd page permitted for technical/scientific publications/presentations.
- **Transcripts**, entire college career; official or unofficial; **redact date of birth, SSN, and GRE scores**. Do not include degree audit reports or similar documents.

Step 5 – PI prepares biosketch ([NASA template Biosketch Form](#)) and Current & Pending Support ([NASA template CPS Form](#)). **Templates MUST be used.** These attachments are uploaded separately to Nspires.

Step 6 – PI releases proposal to the university Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR).

OCG actions:

Step 7 – AOR reviews proposal for compliance, coordinates with student as needed, and submits proposal.



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Post-Submission Proposal Update

If NASA requests a budget, a **Proposal Submission Request (PSR)** is required from the PI.

NASA will provide submission instructions for the PI, student, and AOR in the Nspires record. Requested documents will include: (1) Budget with justification; (2) Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources; and (3) Data Management Plan (DMP).

Budget information – For Post-Selection Proposal Update

- Grant covers stipend, student travel to technical and scientific meetings, laboratory supplies, lab books, page charges for journal articles, printing of a thesis, faculty advisor travel in direct support of the NSTGRO fellow, Visiting Technologist Experience, health insurance, and tuition and fees.

Category	Maximum value (annual)
Student Stipend	\$40,000
Student Support Allowance	\$11,000
Visiting Technologist Experience (VTE) Allowance	\$10,000
Health Insurance Allowance	\$2,500
Tuition and Fees Allowance	\$20,500
TOTAL	\$84,000

- The VTE allowance is to allay costs associated with preparation for the experience (e.g., trips prior to and in preparation for the actual visiting technologist experience) and the student's relocation and living expenses associated with approximately 10 weeks per year.
- No indirect costs (IDC) permitted by sponsor. IDC Addendum not required for NASA fellowships.
- Equipment, including computers, may NOT be purchased with NSTGRO funds.
- The transfer of funds between budget categories is not permitted, except in limited instances. For example, a portion of the Student Support Allowance may be used to supplement health insurance or tuition and fees, provided that the requirements of the Student Support Allowance have been met.