

NASA Space Grant – FY 2007
NSGA Advocacy Material

NASA Space Grant 2007 Goal

Requested Funding

\$28.7 Million + report language “The Committee has included the budget request of \$28,760,000 for the National Space Grant College and Fellowship program. The amount provided will fund 35 states at \$615,250 each and 17 states at \$425,000 each.”

2007 Budget Request and Change from 2006

- ♦ 2007 Agency request is \$28.76 million, \$1.48 m below the 2006 appropriation of \$30,200,000.
- ♦ However, the NASA Space Grant Request of \$28.76 million is a major step in the right direction in terms of budgeting. This is the first time NASA has ever requested more than \$19.1 million for Space Grant. Between FY2000 and FY 2005, NASA made an annual budget request of \$19.1 million; in FY 2004 NASA decreased their annual request to \$18,042,000. In each of these years, the budget request was below the prior year’s appropriations. During this period, NASA also treated congressional plus ups of Space Grant as an “earmark”.

Value of NASA Space Grant

The NASA Space Grant Program is a nationwide network of 820 universities, colleges, federal R&D centers and business partners, located in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The Space Grant network is inspiring “the next generation of explorers” through a myriad of activities and programs that:

- ♦ Engage over 1700 undergraduate and 500 graduate students in practical education and research experiences in space sciences and related fields (20% of participants are minority students and 43% are women).
- ♦ Infuse NASA space exploration goals, knowledge, and materials into the education experiences of K-12 students and teachers.
- ♦ Assist high-potential young faculty to become NASA Project Investigators and effective partners with NASA centers and contractors.
- ♦ (Cite specifics for your state.)

Accomplishments

[Cite most compelling outcomes in your state from NASA Space Grant in one or more of the following areas -- scientific, educational, innovation, track record of productive collaborative research across disciplines, growth in NASA-related research, high-tech companies, faculty recruitment and retention, benefits to students, institutional culture change, etc.]

Importance of Maintaining the President’s request, with language

- ♦ Language will specify the allocation of funds, providing 35 states with \$612,250 each and 17 states with \$425,000, thus hopefully insuring rapid disbursement.

- ♦ Attract faculty with additional expertise to state and retain” best and brightest” faculty and students in the state.
- ♦ Increase the number of “home grown” NASA-related companies and attract relevant firms to the state.
- ♦ Enhance science and math education outreach, scholarships, research experiences and programs to increase the number of students entering S&T careers of importance to NASA.

Praises

Thank the congressional member and staff for support. Likewise, acknowledge agency personnel as appropriate.

Other Items

Unique to your state