



## **NASA Glenn Research Center's Research License Information Sheet**

NASA Glenn Research Center offers renewable research licenses so that organizations can “test drive” the commercial viability of NASA technologies with minimal risk and up-front commitment. Research licenses are non-exclusive, short-term (one year, renewable up to two times), and low cost. This license provides the means for companies to explore a technology's potential and learn how it will advance business development goals.

### **What's in it for you?**

This license vehicle is a low-risk opportunity to access GRC's technologies and develop a relationship with NASA. Because it requires a minimal up-front commitment of time and resources, it is especially valuable to small businesses. The streamlined licensing process means organizations can “test drive” a technology and assess its potential before moving forward with a commercial license. In addition, a research license with NASA provides a good foundation upon which companies can advance product development and build their business.

### **What's in it for NASA?**

A research license benefits the NASA Technology Transfer Program by making NASA's technologies easier to access, especially for small businesses and academic researchers (although any business can seek a research license). In addition, because NASA develops a relationship with licensees, it is easier, when and if appropriate, to transition to a more formal commercial license agreement.

### **Key parameters of an evaluation license:**

- All terms within research licenses are non-negotiable and non-exclusive.
- No revenues, sales, or transfers of any products or services embodying the NASA technology can be generated under a research license agreement. A traditional commercial license agreement must be executed before any sales can occur.
- If another company submits a complete commercial license application for the same technology, all research licensees will receive notice.
- If the research licensee wishes to utilize NASA's expertise, support from inventors, and/or facilities, a fully reimbursable Space Act Agreement (separate from the research license) must be executed.
- A research license cannot be sublicensed.
- A research license can be renewable up to two times upon submission of an annual report and payment of annual license fee of \$2,500.
- A final report is required at the end of the license.

### **Requirements for the research license application:**

- Streamlined license application.
- No commercialization plan is required.
- No pro forma or financial documents are required.
- Research licenses cost \$2,500/year.

If a research license sounds right for you, please contact us at:

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