



NASA Glenn Research Center's Evaluation License Information Sheet

NASA Glenn Research Center offers evaluation licenses so that organizations can “test drive” the commercial viability of NASA technologies with minimal risk and up-front commitment. Evaluation licenses are non-exclusive, short-term (one year), 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, an evaluation license with NASA provides a good foundation upon which companies can advance product development and build their business.

What’s in it for NASA?

An evaluation 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 an evaluation 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 evaluation 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 an evaluation 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 evaluation licensees will receive notice.
- If the evaluation licensee wishes to utilize NASA’s expertise, support from inventors, and/or facilities, a fully reimbursable Space Act Agreement (separate from the evaluation license) must be executed.
- An evaluation license cannot be sublicensed.
- A final report is required at the end of the license.

Requirements for the evaluation license application:

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

If an evaluation license sounds right for you, please contact us at:
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