NASA Glenn Research Center’s Commercial Startup NASA License

NASA’s Glenn Research Center has more than 200 pieces of Intellectual Property (IP) available for licensing, and is continually developing new ways to make it easier for companies to put NASA technology to work. One of these ways is the Startup NASA license, tailored to allow high-tech entrepreneurs to meet the specific challenges that they face and gain access to cutting-edge NASA technology.

What’s in it for you?
Our Startup NASA license requires no up-front costs for commercial use of our patented technologies, allowing companies to hold onto their cash while using secured NASA IP to carve out competitive market space. This license gives tech entrepreneurs a low-risk means of advancing product development and preparing to enter the marketplace.

What’s in it for NASA?
NASA Glenn’s large IP portfolio places a premium on getting entities throughout the private sector involved in developing these breakthrough technologies. The Startup NASA license offers a specially targeted way to get new technology into the hands of commercial innovators, achieving our mission of leveraging the capabilities of NASA inventions to benefit high-potential businesses and American taxpayers alike.

Key Parameters of a Startup NASA license:
• This offer is open only to companies formed with the intent of commercializing the licensed NASA technology.
• The Startup NASA license is a non-exclusive commercial license to make and sell products based on NASA’s patented technologies.
• NASA waives the initial licensing fees, with no minimum fees the first three years.
• Licensee must achieve practical application of the licensed invention by 36 months.
• Once the company starts selling a product, NASA will collect a royalty fee of 4.2% with an annual minimum of $3000.
• Companies entering into these licenses are bound by all requirements in federal licensing statutes and NASA policies, including development of a commercialization plan and reporting on efforts to achieve practical application.
• This Startup NASA license is available only to companies in the United States.

Requirements for the Startup NASA license application:
• Electronic submission of the online Startup NASA license application
• Development and marketing plan with commercialization milestones
• Basic pro forma and financial documents

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