

## Expedition Space Lab Funding Application Evaluation Criteria

Below, please find the criteria that will be used in evaluating Expedition Space Lab funding applications:



- **Number of students served:** While schools and organizations of any size are encouraged to apply, those with a broader reach may be given additional consideration.
- **Demographics/underserved population:** Underserved populations include those categorized in a low socioeconomic status, racial/ethnic minorities, first-generation students, remote and rural students, foster care youth, students with incarcerated parents, and ELL (English Language Learners). This list is not exhaustive, and if the underserved population that you serve is not on this list, please make sure to include that in your application.
- **Strength of Implementation Plan:** Ideal applications will have an implementation plan that is focused, organized, and simple for any individual to execute.
- **Cross-curricular involvement:** Ideal applications will have an implementation plan that involves one or more teachers, subjects, or departments.
- **Community involvement/partner organizations:** Ideal applications will have an implementation plan that includes community involvement (a community business or organization that supports classroom activities, funds equipment, sponsors a field trip, etc.).
- **Completed budget:** The proposed budget included with applications should be complete, accurate, and make exemplary use of funds.
- **Career Exploration:** Ideal applications will include connections to careers in the space industry or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers.

The review and selection of recipients will be done by the Center for Advancement of Science in Space, Inc. (CASIS) personnel and external education subject matter experts. These criteria, in addition to alignment with the ISS National Lab's mission and goals, will be used to determine the recipient of the funds.

If you have questions, please contact [spacelab@issnationallab.org](mailto:spacelab@issnationallab.org).