

JCATI 2022 RFP FAQ

- ❖ How can a WA aerospace company find an engineering faculty partner?
 - Contact the JCATI Executive Director or Program Manager. After learning more about your technical needs, they will direct you to individual University College of Engineering contacts. The cutoff date for faculty matchmaking requests is Friday, January 28, 2022.
- ❖ Why won't you take last minute industry requests for faculty partners?
 - It takes time to find an appropriate faculty match, address any NDA concerns and discuss the project in enough detail for a competitive application.
- ❖ Why doesn't the industry partner receive the JCATI award funds?
 - JCATI is funded by the WA legislature. Since this is taxpayer money, the awards invest in engineering workforce development at WA public 4 year universities benefitting the state.
- ❖ Does industry in-kind need to match the proposed award amount?
 - A match is not required but the industry in-kind amount must be sufficient to support the project. We follow up with the industry partner on the amount of in-kind actually delivered.
- ❖ What is the purpose of industry in-kind?
 - In-kind indicates the company has a real technology need and is serious about integrating project outcomes.
- ❖ Why the emphasis on TRL 4-7 projects?
 - The WA legislature wants JCATI funds to address short term critical needs from a broad range of state aerospace companies. There are other funding mechanisms to address basic research but few address the "valley of death" issues and transition of research to products.
- ❖ How does JCATI define aerospace?
 - JCATI defines aerospace very broadly to encompass just about anything involved with commercial aviation, space, UAVs, and advanced air mobility. The RFP lists a more detailed aerospace description.
- ❖ Why does the industry partner need to be from WA?
 - Since JCATI is funded by the WA legislature, projects must directly benefit the state, its organizations and constituents. The primary industry partner, majority of work, and project impact must occur in WA. Partners outside WA are permissible if above conditions are met.
- ❖ How can faculty identify companies in their area of expertise?
 - WSU's Brian Craft has a very informative presentation "[Building University-Industry Research Partnerships](#)" outlining steps to make industry connections
- ❖ Why is the JCATI project period only one year?
 - The WA Legislature wants JCATI funds to address short term critical aerospace needs.

❖ Why do JCATI projects start in July?

- Since JCATI projects are based at WA public universities, they must follow the state fiscal year calendar.