

# EPA Updates for FDP

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# EPA Research Grants



## EPA Research Grants



- Half of EPA's budget is dedicated to our many environmental grants programs, approximately \$4B annually
- The majority of grants EPA administers are statutorily/regulatory required to go to States and Tribes
- EPA's research grants are discretionary
  - Discretionary grant programs are ones where EPA retains considerable discretion in selecting the recipient, determining the amount of the award, and negotiating/approving the assistance agreement work plan.
  - FY19 funds for EPA research awards totals ~\$50M, including \$28.5M for the competitive Science to Achieve Results (STAR) grant program.

## EPA Research Grants



- 66.509 Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Research Program
- 66.510 Surveys, Studies, Investigations, and Special Purpose Grants within the Office of Research and Development
- 66.511 Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research/Training/Fellowships
- 66.514 Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship Program
- 66.516 P3 Award: National Student Design Competition for Sustainability
- 66.517 Regional Applied Research Efforts (RARE)

# Finding EPA Research Grants Funding Opportunities



- <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/research-funding-opportunities>
- Research Grants and SBIR Listserv available to receive notifications of new funding opportunities
- This page is updated to showcase open opportunities (Request for Applications)

# EPA Participation Policy



**EPA POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN FELLOWSHIP,  
INTERNSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS  
FUNDED BY EPA ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS**



## EPA Participation Policy



- Recipient/Applicant Information Notice RAIN-2019-G09: EPA Policy on Participation in Fellowship, Internship, Scholarship and Similar Programs Funded by EPA Assistance Agreements
- Effective October 1, 2019
- Policy purpose is to ensure that program participants are eligible to receive payments from recipients of EPA financial assistance
  - Eligibility is limited to citizens of the United States, its territories, or possessions, or lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence who are not excluded from participation in Federal Non-procurement programs under [2 CFR Part 180](#).
- Implementing requirements through term and condition



# Recipient Training



## Recipient Training



- Recipient/Applicant Information Notice, RAIN-2019-G08
- EPA published an updated comprehensive grants management training: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-management-training-applicants-and-recipients>
- 6 Training Modules

# Recipient Training



- **Module 1 - Introduction to EPA Grants**
  - Provides a foundation for understanding how EPA uses grants to achieve its mission, including the types of assistance agreements used by EPA and the phases of the grant lifecycle
- **Module 2 - Demonstrating Financial Management System and Internal Controls Capability**
  - Covers EPA's requirements for demonstrating financial management system and internal controls capability and EPA grants management policies and procedures, which can help identify potential areas of weakness
- **Module 3 - Applying for a Grant**
  - Includes an overview of how to find grant opportunities, how to prepare and submit a grant application and budget, and the EPA's process for evaluating applications and notifying applicants

# Recipient Training



- **Module 4 - Accepting a Grant Award**
  - Describes the process and procedures for accepting an EPA grant award, from the initial notification to the procedures for reviewing and accepting the award documents
- **Module 5 - Managing a Grant**
  - Provides guidelines and information about managing an EPA grant in accordance with EPA's grant regulations and the terms and conditions of the award
- **Module 6 - Closing Out a Grant**
  - Reviews guidelines and information about closing out an EPA grant in accordance with EPA's grant regulations and the terms and conditions of the award

# EPA Grants Listserv



## EPA Grants Listserv



- EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment uses this listserv to send out periodic updates about:
  - new guidance and information posted on our website
  - new trainings and webinars available to potential applicants and recipients
  - changes in grants management requirements
  - other pertinent general grants information
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- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#)
- [CFDA \(now Assistance Listings on beta.SAM.gov\)](#)
- [Beta.USASpending.gov](#) (Current) & [USASpending.gov](#) (Legacy)
- [EPA Financial Services \(Receive a Payment\)](#)
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprises \(DBE\)](#)



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