



NASA Patent Portfolio

NASA maintains a portfolio of patents with commercial potential and makes them available to the public through our patent licensing program. Whether you're looking to start a new company using NASA technology, enhance an existing product, or create a new product line, you can gain a competitive edge in the marketplace by putting NASA technology to work for you.

Gain a Competitive Edge with NASA Technology

NASA develops all sorts of technology to solve the tough challenges of exploring space, advancing the understanding of our home planet, and improving air transportation. Through our patent licensing program, those same technologies can be transformed into commercial products and solutions that give your business a competitive edge.

Find a Technology

Getting started is easy! NASA's Technology Transfer Portal hosts information on all of the NASA-developed technologies available to your business. Our patent portfolio has been organized into categories and made searchable so you can easily find what you're looking for.



By offering a non-exclusive license with no up-front costs for commercial use of our patented technologies, we're letting companies hold on to their cash while securing the intellectual property needed to carve out competitive market space. technology.nasa.gov/startup

Apply for a NASA patent license

Once you've found a technology, applying for a license is simple. With the click of a button, you can apply online using NASA's Automated Technology Licensing Application System (ATLAS). The system will guide you through every step of the process and keep you updated about the status of your application.

Negotiate a Deal

After submitting your application online, a licensing manager will work side-by-side with you to finalize the agreement. You'll work together to define field(s) of use, milestone reporting, royalty payments, manufacturing locations, and other terms of the deal. Our goal is for everyone to walk away from the negotiation table a winner.

Types of Licenses

Every technology license is different. We'll work with you to design an agreement that helps you achieve your business goals.

Licenses can be:

- Non-exclusive
- Partially exclusive
- Exclusive

NASA also offers some copyright licenses, though most of our software is available for use free of charge at software.nasa.gov.

Evaluation Licenses

We offer a non-exclusive, evaluation license option to companies that want to explore the potential of a technology. These short term licenses can help you decide if the NASA technology fits into your business development goals.



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Electronics



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and Biotechnology



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Coatings



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Fluid Systems



Optics



Power Generation
and Storage



Propulsion



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and Control



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