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Draft Announcement of Opportunity 2025 Astrophysics Small Explorer (SMEX)

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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate (SMD) is releasing a draft Announcement of Opportunity (AO) for community review and comment: the Draft 2025 Astrophysics Small Explorer (SMEX). The Astrophysics Small Explorers Program conducts Principal Investigator (PI)-led space science investigations relevant to SMD's astrophysics programs. Explorer investigations must address NASA's goals to discover the origin, structure, evolution, and destiny of the Universe and search for Earth-like planets.

The draft and final AO text will be posted on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES): <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/>. To find the draft AO text select "Solicitations" at the top of the page, and on the next NSPIRES page enter "NNH25ZDA008J" in the search box or use the short URL provided.

Participation is open to all categories of organizations or institutions, U.S. or non-U.S., including educational, industrial, and not-for-profit institutions, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and other Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), University Affiliated Research Centers (UARC)s, NASA Centers, and other U.S. Government agencies.

The issuance of the 2025 SMEX Draft AO does not obligate NASA to issue the 2025 Small Explorer AO and solicit proposals. Any costs incurred by prospective investigators in preparing submissions in response to either of these draft solicitations are incurred completely at the submitter's own risk.

Comments and questions will be accepted by email only. Comments on the draft may be addressed via email to the Astrophysics Small Explorers Program Scientist, Doris.Daou@nasa.gov, using a subject line that reads "DRAFT 2025 SMEX AO". Responses to comments will be given by email and posted in the Questions and Answers (Q&A) section on the Astrophysics Small Explorers Program Acquisition website at <https://explorers.larc.nasa.gov/APSMEX25/SMEX/index.html>. Similar comments may be aggregated and provided with a single response. Anonymity of persons/institutions who submit comments will be preserved. The comment period for the Draft 2025 SMEX AO ends February 21, 2025.