



NSF Phase 1 Submission Assistance Program 2025

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ARC WA, SBA FAST Grant Funded Program

About ARC WA

Accelerating Research and Commercialization – Washington (ARC WA)

- Provides connections to SBIR/STTR training, education, and resources statewide
- Visit <https://www.arcwa.info/>



The ARC WA program is made possible by a 2024 Small Business Administration (SBA) Federal and State Technology Partnership (FAST) grant and is a partnership between Life Science Washington Institute and the Washington State PTAC/APEX program.



NSF Phase 1 Submission Assistance

This overview is intended for small businesses who have already identified the National Science Foundation SBIR program as a source of research and development funding for their innovation.

If you are not familiar with the SBIR program visit our Client Roadmap first.



All SBIR Programs

- Require a path to commercialization
- Are seeking Innovative ground breaking novel concepts or ideas which help them reach their goals
- All SBIR programs provide priority position for sole source sales to contracting agencies (DOT, NASA, DOD, DHS)



The NSF Program



- Releases an annual solicitation
- Is industry agnostic
- Requires a preliminary Project Pitch



For Details on the NSF Process and Release Dates

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/get-started/>



About the ARC WA NSF Assistance Program

- ✓ ARC WA offers two no-cost NSF Phase 0 Cohorts each year
- ✓ Cohort participants must be registered to do business in Washington State
- ✓ First time applicants only
- ✓ Applicant must meet the standard eligibility requirements for the SBIR program
- ✓ Applicants must be registered in SAM and have an accepted project pitch before cohort start date

Cohort Dates

Spring: May - July

(eligible participants to be determined by May 1)

Fall: September - November

(eligible participants to be determined by Sept 1)

- **There is limited availability.**
- Eligible Cohort Participants will be determined on first come first serve basis.
- Start the process by requesting a consultation <https://www.arcwa.info/small-businesses-help>

On Preparing a Project Pitch

Successful project pitches will result in an invitation from NSF to submit a full proposal.

ARC WA requires an invitation from NSF to submit a proposal before participation in a cohort.

Learn more about the NSF project pitch here:

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/project-pitch/>



Other helpful inks:

Tie your innovation to a topic:

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/the-basics/>

Review the solicitation:

<https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/sbirsttr-phase-i-nsf-small-business-innovation-research-small-business/nsf24-579/solicitation>

NSF Tutorials and Overviews:

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/get-started/>

ARC WA Can Help!

An ARC WA coach can review your project pitch before submitting.

Request no cost assistance here:

<https://www.arcwa.info/small-businesses-help>



On Getting Registered in SAM

All SBIR applicants must have an active account in SAM. ARC WA Phase 0 Cohort participation requires proof of SAM registration before cohort starts.

a. Start the process here

<https://login.gov/>

b. Set up SAM Account

https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=gsafsd_kb_articles&sys_id=307ff4afdbf7bd90a8cb4a3913961931

c. Send screen shot of registration to kate@arcwa.info

Example SAM Account Screen Shot

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● Active Registration

Unique Entity ID: **Q4EUHV5M1C99** CAGE/NCAGE: **5PYL2** Expiration Date: **Aug 21, 2025**

Physical Address: **4220 6TH AVE SE, Lacey, Washington 98503-1024, United States**

Mailing Address: **4220 6TH AVE SE, Lacey, Washington 98503-1009, United States**

Purpose of Registration: **All Awards**

Other Registrations and Links

- SBA SBIR Registry <https://www.sbir.gov>
- Project Pitch Upload
<https://nsfgov.my.site.com/mywork/s/login/>
- Proposal Upload
<https://www.research.gov/research-web/>

Review

- ✓ Make an appointment with an ARC WA coach for review of project pitch or to indicate interest in the program

<https://www.arcwa.info/small-businesses-help>

- ✓ Forward NSF invite and proof of SAM registration to ARC WA before cohort start date

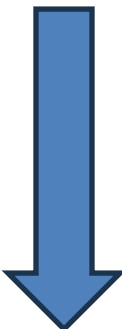
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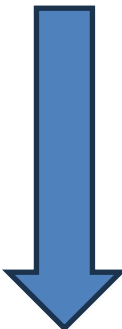
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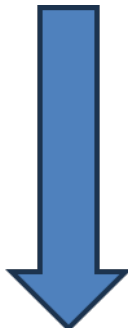
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ARC WA Coaches



Phase 0 Cohort



Feedback



Questions?

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