

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ASTM Launch — An XCELLERATE™ Program

Q. HOW MUCH FUNDING IS ASTM MAKING AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS?

A. ASTM expects to fund a limited number of projects, with award amounts determined based on project scope and anticipated impact. Funding levels are flexible, and opportunities for additional support, cost sharing, or partnership arrangements may be considered when there is clear value in advancing the research.

Q. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT IDEAS?

A. This project call is open to both ASTM members and non members. It was initially shared with members to provide early access as a member benefit; however, proposals from non members are encouraged. If a proposal is selected, an ASTM member must serve as the technical lead.

Q. IS THIS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES?

A. ASTM International is a global organization, and its standards and products are developed for an international audience. Accordingly, project proposals may originate from and be conducted in any geographic location worldwide.

Q. CAN FUNDS BE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUALS, OR ARE THEY LIMITED TO BUSINESS ENTITIES?

A. Funds are typically issued under work for hire agreements and may be awarded to individuals, business entities, or other institutions. There are no regional restrictions on eligibility.

Q. WHAT IS THE EXPECTED PROJECT COMPLETION TIMEFRAME?

A. We expect projects to be completed within 6-9 months of the first funding payment provided in Winter 2026. Projects with longer durations will be considered based on the specifics of the project.

Q. HOW DOES THE REVIEW PROCESS WORK?

A. The ASTM internal team, in consultation with relevant ASTM technical committees where applicable, will consider how well the proposed work advances standards development, addresses priority needs of the standards community, and aligns with ASTM's mission. The team will also evaluate the applicant's expertise, past performance, feasibility, cost, and anticipated timeline to ensure appropriate use of resources. Ideas do not need to be limited to existing ASTM activities or work underway.

Q. WHEN DOES THE IDEA SUBMISSION PERIOD END?

A. June 5, 2026

Q. WHEN WILL FUNDING SELECTIONS BE FINALIZED?

A. September 2026

Q. IF MY IDEA IS SELECTED, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

A. If your project is selected to move forward in the review process, ASTM will need the following documents or information regarding your project:

- Request for Proposal (RFP)

After Request for Proposal (RFP) acceptance:

- Master Services Agreement (MSA)
- Scope of Work (SOW)
- W9
- Electronic Payment Information (ACH)



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