



Cosmos Foundation

# Ad Astra Fund FY26 Application

Application deadline: Nov 15, 2025

The Cosmos Foundation is pleased to announce the **Ad Astra Fund**, an initiative designed to encourage public interest in astronomy and space exploration. The Fund supports innovative projects that expand public engagement with the cosmos, whether through educational programming, creative media, or inspirational experiences.

## Scope and Objectives

The Ad Astra Fund seeks proposals that:

- Inspire curiosity and wonder about astronomy and space exploration.
- Make scientific knowledge accessible and engaging to non-specialist audiences.
- Foster lasting interest among children, young people, or the general public.

Projects may take a variety of forms, including (but not limited to):

- Educational resources, workshops, or curricular enhancements.
- Public events, lecture series, or community-based programs.
- Multimedia initiatives such as podcasts, films, or digital platforms.
- Artistic or cultural projects that interpret astronomical themes for broad audiences.

## Eligibility

Proposals are invited from individuals or teams. Applicants from diverse academic, professional, and creative backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

## Proposal Requirements

Submissions must include:

1. **Project Overview:** A concise description of the proposed activity and its objectives.
2. **Target Audience:** Identification of the intended audience and rationale for engagement.
3. **Implementation Plan:** Timeline, key activities, and resource requirements.
4. **Impact Statement:** Anticipated outcomes and contribution to public understanding or appreciation of astronomy.

## Funding

Awards of up to **\$4M** will be made. The Foundation expects to fund multiple projects in this cycle.