



GATEWAYS TO
BLUESKIES

InfraAir: Aviation Inspection for Infrastructure

NASA's 2027 Gateways to Blue Skies (GBS) competition asks student teams to conceptualize innovative airborne platforms for inspecting land-based infrastructure by 2035 with the goal of improving safety, reliability, efficiency, and cost.

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**PHASE 1
&
PRIZES**

Proposal & 2-Minute Video
Up to 8 teams selected to receive
\$9,000 each
and advance to Phase 2

Final paper, Infographic, & Presentation
NASA Internships
offered to eligible 1st place team members

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**PHASE 2
&
PRIZES**



ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility* is limited to teams of **2-6 students** at accredited U.S.-based postsecondary institutions, including technical colleges, community colleges, colleges, & universities.

*See [Participation Agreement](#) for full program eligibility.

IMPORTANT DATES



Notice of Intent Deadline
October 12, 2026



Q&A Sessions
November 5, 2026 | January 27, 2027



Proposal & Video Deadline
February 22, 2027



Phase 1 Winners Announced
March 22, 2027



Final Paper Deadline
May 10, 2027



2027 GBS Forum
May 24-26, 2027

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