

- If possible, provide space for a wall display in each center/consortium facility that highlights NASA FTCSC and how center/consortium faculty are interacting with NASA FTCSC (Materials relating to NASA FTCSC programs will be provided by NASA FTCSC.)

Qualifying Collaborating Centers and Consortia

- Collaborating centers and consortia are academic or national centers that desire to interact with NASA in the area of food science and technology
- A collaborating center or consortium with a university typically is an independent center that provides facilities or service-related input to food science and technology, and that has the financial support to encourage affiliated faculty to address both the center/consortium mission and the NASA FTCSC mission

To Become a Collaborating Center or Consortium

Submit a letter of intent on center/consortium letterhead and signed by the director specifying

- Desire to be a NASA FTCSC collaborating center or consortium
- How the center/consortium addresses research areas that are part of the NASA FTCSC mission
- Commitment to encourage commercial partnership and affiliate faculty participation in NASA FTCSC

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Center/Consortium Collaboration with NASA FTCSC

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The mission of the NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center (NASA FTCSC) is to lead a national effort in developing foods and food-processing technologies that enhance space missions and advance commercial food products through cooperative efforts with NASA scientists and technologists, commercial companies, and academic researchers.

Creating partnerships with industry and collaborating with other centers and consortia are key to NASA FTCSC's success in accomplishing this mission. Through these partnerships, we are developing synergistic relationships with which industry and academia can leverage knowledge, research, and resources to develop food products and processes that enhance food systems both for space and on Earth.

NASA FTCSC collaborating centers and consortia are university or national centers that have food science and technology as one of their research missions. These centers and consortia recognize the advantage of being associated with NASA FTCSC to further their mission and the success of their affiliated faculty and staff. Collaborating centers and consortia are willing to act as NASA FTCSC ambassadors to corporations that might benefit from an association with NASA FTCSC. Collaborating centers and consortia are also willing to encourage their affiliate faculty to support research efforts that benefit both their mission and the NASA FTCSC mission.

Benefits to Collaborating Centers and Consortia

- Team member of national effort to improve space food with commercial applications
- Eligible to request NASA FTCSC funds to pay travel expenses for NASA personnel or NASA FTCSC affiliate faculty members to present a space food-related seminar once per year
- Opportunity to highlight collaboration with NASA FTCSC in literature, displays, and personnel contacts
- Use of the NASA FTCSC logo when and where it is deemed beneficial
- Fast-track evaluation for getting collaborating center and consortium products onto Shuttle and the International Space Station (We cannot guarantee a product's acceptance.)
- Access to NASA food science and technology experts and managers
- Input to NASA through NASA FTCSC regarding research priorities
- Collaborating center/consortium affiliate faculty information, logos, and mission

descriptions included in NASA FTCSC literature, presentations, displays, and Internet site

- Opportunity to display products and to visit the Johnson Space Center campus
- Access to NASA research facilities arranged by NASA FTCSC (Appropriate fees will be charged for research facility use.)
- Electronic updates of NASA FTCSC and NASA activities
- Updates on NASA information (e.g., food selections, workshops, and research and development direction)
- Annual report summarizing NASA FTCSC and commercial partner activities

Responsibilities to NASA FTCSC

- Submit letter of intent to become a NASA FTCSC center or consortium affiliate
- Inform NASA FTCSC Director about activities that affect NASA FTCSC
- Submit annual progress report describing all collaborating center and consortia activities that are relevant to NASA FTCSC by July 1 of each year



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