

## S&T Campaign: Collaborative Mechanisms *Educational Partnership Agreements*

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### What is an EPA:

Educational Partnership Agreements (EPAs) allow educational institutions and academic researchers the opportunity to access equipment and resources which may be unavailable at the institution. These agreements also provide opportunities for students and faculty to work on Army research projects and support students' engagement in math, science and technology.

### Who Can Participate:

EPAs are appropriate for any educational institution or nonprofit which seeks to build STEM educational and research capacity through partnership with ARL.

Namely,

- Any local educational agency
- Colleges/ Universities
- Nonprofit (501c3) institutions

### What Are Examples of EPA

#### Activities:

- Involve faculty and students of the academic partner institution in ARL research projects.
- Cooperate with the academic partner in developing a program where students may be given academic credit for work on ARL research projects.
- Make ARL personnel available to teach science courses or to assist in the development of science courses and materials for the academic partner institution.
- Provide academic and career advice and assistance to students of the institution



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### What Are the Benefits of an EPA:

- **Benefits to the Army Research Laboratory**
  - Involving students in laboratory research helps develop a future pool of scientists and engineers
  - Increases awareness and visibility of ARL developed technologies
  - Increased potential for commercializing Army technology
- **Benefits to the educational institution**
  - Receive equipment that it could not afford to purchase
  - Provide opportunities for students and faculty to work on Army research projects
  - Improve students interest in math, science and technology

### What Happens After the EPA is Signed:

- ARL and university personnel establish annual activities to be performed under the agreement.
- ARL and university conduct annual review of EPA activities and products.