



NASA Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Determination Overview

[NASA MUREP](#) developed the NASA Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) List by aligning to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Eligibility Matrix and MSI category definitions.

Level One: Eligibility Matrix

In order to qualify for the Eligibility Matrix, an institution must pass a series of assessments based on self-reported data submitted to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). **NOTE:** EDs most recent data is always two (2) years old, therefore the current Eligibility Matrix reports 2020 data. Visit ED for information on how to request a [waiver](#).

Level Two: MSI Category Definitions

NASA MUREP uses the following MSI categories as defined by the U.S. Department of Education:

MSI Category	Category Abbreviation	Thresholds/Definitions
Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	ANNH	Native American UG Percentage \geq 20% or Pacific Islander Percentage \geq 10%
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions	AANAPISI	Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander UG Percentage \geq 10%
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	HBCU	Historically defined formula grant program - member institutions do not change
Hispanic-Serving Institutions	HSI	Hispanic Percentage \geq 25%
Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions	NASNTI	Native American UG Percentage \geq 10%
Predominantly Black Institutions	PBI	Total Enrollment $>$ 1000 and Black Percentage \geq 40%
Tribal Colleges and Universities	TCU	Historically defined formula grant program - member institutions do not change

The NASA MSI List developed by MUREP is the only reference the agency will use to verify an institution's MSI status. MUREP will update the NASA MSI List annually. Contact NASA-MSIExchange@mail.nasa.gov for more information.

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