Tellus Award

Tellus Global Inc. offers the Tellus Award to APRSAF Space Innovation Challenge 2026. The award gives the winning team free use of Tellus Pro, a cloud workspace for satellite data.

AT A GLANCE

Winner	one team, chosen at the final judging
Period	November 2026 to February 2027, four months
Cost	fully covered by Tellus. No financial burden on participants or organizers.

About Tellus

Space for Everyone, Software First.

Tellus Global Inc. runs Japan's satellite data platform, Tellus, which brings government and commercial satellite data together in one place. It started in 2018 as an R&D initiative under METI, launched as a platform in 2019, and was incorporated as Tellus Inc. in 2021. In August 2026 the platform business transferred to Tellus Global Inc. The platform now has more than 42,000 registered accounts.

OPEN TO ANYONE

Tellus Traveler – the free window into the catalog. Search satellite imagery by area, date, or sensor, and download open data.

Satellite Data Master with QGIS – a ready-made analysis desktop in the cloud on a flat monthly rate.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Tellus Pro – the integrated workspace for satellite data: tasking, storage, and GPU analysis in one place, with team accounts and access control.

Tellus AI Playground – curated satellite datasets with foundation models and H100 GPUs for AI development.

What Tellus Pro does

Tellus Pro manages satellite data operations from a single cloud platform. Everything runs in a browser, from ordering a new capture to running your own analysis, and every function is also available through an API.

- **SatHub.** Query, task, and acquire new imagery from multiple satellites in one place.
- **Drive.** Store, manage, and share large satellite datasets securely, including newly tasked and processed data.
- **Pipelines.** A cloud-native container platform for pre-processing and analysis on NVIDIA H100 GPUs. Build your own container and you can work in the language of your choice.

Satellites available for tasking

Tellus Pro tasks optical satellites today, and the lineup is growing. The final lineup for the award is confirmed together with the winning team, following each provider's license terms and the platform release schedule.

SUPPORTED TODAY

- Optical: GRUS (Axelspace), ASNARO-1 (NEC)

PLANNED FOR TELLUS PRO

From November onward, in stages

- Optical: GRUS-3, a next-generation constellation
- SAR: QPS-SAR (iQPS), StriX (Synspective)

Terms

- The imagery available, and the uses permitted for it, follow the end user license agreement and supply conditions of each data provider, together with the Tellus Pro terms of use.
- New captures cannot be guaranteed. Orbits, weather, and competing orders all affect whether an image can be taken.
- Tellus Pro is not built for HPC workloads such as training large AI models.
- The exact scope of the award, including volume, number of captures, and compute hours, is set with the winning team once the award is decided.

After the award period

The imagery provided under the Tellus Award is licensed for this competition only, and only for the period from November 2026 to February 2027.

When the period ends, the winning team must delete the imagery it received, together with any copies. It cannot be kept, reused, or passed to a third party after that date. The exact scope and procedure for deletion follow the license agreement covering the satellite used.