

To Prospective NASA Student Interns with Disabilities,

NASA is looking to increase the number of students with disabilities pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers through our regular internship programs. This is not a program for students with disabilities. We are trying to recruit more students with disabilities into our regular internship programs. Disability means both physical and mental disabilities. Internships are a good way to get real-world experience. However, this is not an employment program. NASA jobs can be found at <http://www.usajobs.gov>. Students can apply for Summer 2017 internships now! The deadline for submitting applications will be Wednesday, March 1, 2017. We will begin extending offers to students in mid-to-late January and will continue until all positions are filled. If you would like to subscribe to an announcement-only list about NASA internships for persons with disabilities, please send an e-mail to nasainterns-request@freelists.org with 'subscribe' in the Subject field, OR by visiting the list page at <http://www.freelists.org/list/nasainterns>.

We encourage you to apply early because the best opportunities are likely to be filled early. Plus, your likelihood of being selected decreases the longer you wait. Don't be surprised if you don't see many internship opportunities in November. They start to appear in numbers in mid-to-late December. You can register for an account anytime at the One Stop Shopping Initiative (OSSI): NASA Internships, Fellowships, and Scholarships (NIFS) at <http://intern.nasa.gov/>. All material that you wish to have considered must be uploaded to the OSSI website. No documentation will be accepted that is e-mailed or snail mailed.

Summer 2017 internships run from Monday, June 5, 2017, through Friday, August 11, 2017, (ten weeks) for undergraduate and graduate students. Internships run from Monday, June 26, 2017, through Friday, August 4, 2017, (six weeks) for high school students. All student interns get paid. The high school stipend for Summer 2017 will be \$2,100.00 for a six-week internship. The Summer 2017 undergraduate stipend for a ten-week internship will be \$6,000.00. The Summer 2017 graduate stipend for a ten-week internship will be \$7,500.00. As an intern, you are responsible for your own housing. NASA internships for college and high school students are also offered during Spring, Fall and Year Long Sessions through the OSSI website.

NASA has internships for high school students and for rising freshmen through doctoral students in STEM fields. A rising freshman is a high school student who has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., a college or university, at the time of the internship.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for college and 3.0 for high school; however, applicants must understand that the competition for internships is keen. High school students must be at least sixteen years old at the time the internship begins.

Internships are available at all NASA centers nationwide. It is important to remember that applying is a two-step process. The first step is to fill out everything in OSSI. The second step is to select and apply to specific internship opportunities. Students can submit a completed application whether they apply to an opportunity or not. However, applying to opportunities has the advantage of allowing applicants to be considered by mentors who work in disciplines of interest and at a particular center. Applicants may apply to as many as fifteen opportunities.

For example, an opportunity having to do with the Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) will be at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland because SDO is located there. Not applying to an opportunity means that prospective interns will be hoping that a mentor happens to read their applications rather than directing their applications to mentors in fields and at centers of interest.

Students who are selected for Summer internships will receive an offer letter by E-mail sometime after mid-January 2017. They will then have five calendar days to either accept or reject the offer through their OSSI: NIFS account. The offer will automatically expire after five calendar days if no action is taken.

Please feel free to contact me for more information or help with applying.

Kenneth A. Silberman, Esq.
U.S. Supreme Court, Maryland, & Patent Bars
B.A., M.Eng., J.D.
NASA Engineer & Registered Patent Attorney
Education Office Code 160
NASA/GSFC Mailstop 160
Bldg. 28 Rm. N165
Greenbelt, MD 20771, USA
Voice: [\(301\) 286-9281](tel:3012869281)
Fax: [\(301\) 286-1655](tel:3012861655)
E-mail: kenneth.a.silberman@nasa.gov
Office Location: Building 28 Room W151