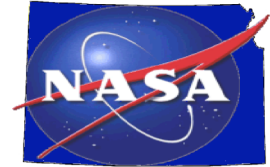




NASA Kansas Space Grant Consortium

Internships



“Research Experiences for Students in Higher Education”

Due Dates:

NASA Academy or Center internships - As soon as NASA selects the student/s to participate
Research Internships - May 15, 2009

Background

The NASA Kansas Space Grant Consortium (KSGC) believes immersive learning and research experiences are necessary to engage and educate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Within this perspective, placing Kansas undergraduate and graduate students, especially women and underrepresented minorities, in a NASA Academy or Center internship is a high priority. Supporting a student to work on a NASA (or NASA relevant) funded research project, or with industry in Kansas is also very important.

KSGC Research Experiences program money is available to assist affiliate universities with student internship costs. Funding is for stipends and travel expenses (if necessary), not research project expenditures. Tuition is not an appropriate use for these funds. Students receiving direct KSGC support must be U.S. citizens.

Two types of funding exist:

- \$45,000 is available for Scholarships/Fellowships, with no matching requirement. NASA Academy or Center internships have the highest priority within this category. (Academy or center related requests are due as soon as NASA selects student/s to participate.)
- An additional \$10,000 is offered for NASA (or NASA relevant) funded research internships at a University or industry. In this second case, requesting universities must identify a \$3.00 commitment for every \$1.00 of funding requested. Additional match-free funds may be available to support students, after May 1, depending on the number of NASA Academy or Center Internships awarded. (Requests are due May 15, 2009.)

Matching funds can be real-dollar or in-kind support provided by institution, industry, or private sponsors (use of federal matching funds is not appropriate). KSGC Research Experiences program funds can be used anytime during the calendar year (i.e., prior to December 31, 2009).

Requests

Requests for funding, submitted by the student's university, must comply with the following guidelines:

- The request cover sheet must include all critical contact information and a signature from the KSGC affiliate's financial authority (showing a commitment for matching funds, where required)
- Include a brief description, and confirmation, of the specific internship the student has been selected to receive (e.g., NASA Academy, NASA Center, university research project, or industry)
- Attach a budget detailing planned expenses, keeping in mind the following
 - Indirect costs are not allowed for NASA Academy or Center Internships (NASA administers these programs)
 - Colleges and universities are reminded to waive overhead or to charge a minimum of indirect costs (they can be used for match as waived)
 - Neither management fee nor indirect costs shall be charged to stipends, fellowships, or scholarships