2014-15 NASA Iowa Space Grant Scholarship and Fellowship Program

Deadline: April 18, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Purpose

• To provide scholarship and fellowship opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines that support NASA’s mission.
• To improve retention, strengthen involvement in research, and encourage participation in Iowa Space Grant Consortium (ISGC)-funded research activities at each ISGC academic affiliate: Drake University, Iowa State University, University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa.

Eligibility

• U.S. Citizenship
• Full-time enrollment at Drake, Iowa State, Iowa, or Northern Iowa as of August 2014
• Graduation date no earlier than May 2015
• GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0)
• Enrollment by scholarship or fellowship winners in an independent study course for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters with research faculty at ISGC academic affiliates: http://www.iaspacegrant.org/affiliates/academic-affiliates

Description

The awardee will receive $7,000 as a scholarship (or fellowship, if a graduate student) applied to their university account after receipt of an acceptance letter. Awards will be processed before Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 classes resume, as appropriate.

We will offer additional scholarships of $5,000 to students that have transferred credits from a community college to an ISGC academic affiliate. Please check the appropriate box on the application form. Transcripts must show the transferred credits and associated dates. All other eligibility rules apply.

Students are strongly encouraged to get involved with the ISGC-funded research projects already on campus. The awardee must be supervised by an approved faculty mentor at one of our ISGC academic affiliates (see lists below). Awardees will need to provide an unofficial transcript upon graduation and agree to participate in a NASA longitudinal tracking process that surveys student progress and eventual employment outcome to help assess the effectiveness of our program.

Selection

In accordance with the eligibility rules listed above, the funding will be awarded to the students who have the highest academic merit, have submitted a transcript and recommendation letter, and have interest in participating in the ISGC-funded research. For access to research labs and our funded projects, please visit: http://www.iaspacegrant.org/higher-education. Potential applicants are encouraged to learn about their campus opportunities and discuss the requirements of the independent study course with the following faculty mentors before applying:

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• Dr. Charisse Buising, 515-271-2756, charisse.buising@drake.edu
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Award selections will be made by the respective ISGC Campus Coordinator: (http://www.iaspacegrant.org/affiliates/academic-affiliates), in consultation with the research project mentors and the ISGC Director (http://www.iaspacegrant.org/administrative-staff).

**Application**
Complete the on-line application at: http://form.jotformpro.com/form/40405761405952. Be prepared to submit an unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured) and at least one recommendation letter (maximum of two) from a mentor or your academic advisor. These items are required for a complete application.

**Submission Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on April 18, 2014.** Selections will be announced by May 9, 2014.

**Notes on Recommendation Letter/s:** Submission of at least one recommendation letter is required (maximum of two) by a mentor or academic advisor. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are submitted by the deadline. Send your request in an e-mail to your mentor/advisor to use the following URL for an online submission: http://form.jotformpro.com/form/40405451199958

**Within the body of the e-mail,** copy and past the following text with the appropriate choice clearly stated:

"I have **waived** or **not waived** the right to read your letter. Applicants who waive their right cannot read your letter. Those who have not waived their right may read the letter you submit by visiting the ISGC office, but the ISGC will not distribute a hard copy."

**Inquiries**
Send questions to our main office at: isgc@iastate.edu, or Dr. Buising at: charisse.buising@drake.edu.