

# 2016-17 Iowa Space Grant Scholarship Program

**Deadline: June 15, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.**

## **Purpose**

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

## **Eligibility**

- U.S. Citizenship required
- Full-time enrollment at Drake University, Iowa State University, University of Iowa, or University of Northern Iowa as of August 2016
- Graduation date no earlier than May 2017
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0)
- Underrepresented minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Enrollment by scholarship winners in an independent study course for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters with research faculty mentors at their respective ISGC academic affiliate campus as listed above.

## **Description**

The awardee will receive \$5,000 as a scholarship applied to their university account after receipt of an acceptance letter. Awards will be processed before Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 classes resume, as appropriate.

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

Students must become involved with NASA-related STEM research projects on their campuses. The research project requires a mentor to advise the applicant. The applicant must enroll in a research independent study course with the mentor.

## **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 identified a research topic with associated independent study course focused in an area of STEM. 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 and STEM retention efforts. The ISGC director, in consultation with a consortium selection committee, will make award selections.

## **Application**

Complete the on-line application at: <https://form.jotform.com/52164234063952>. Be prepared to submit an unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured) and at least one recommendation letter. These items are required for a complete application.

**Submission Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2016.** Selections should be announced by July 15, 2016.

**Recommendation Letter/s:** Submission of at least one recommendation letter from the research mentor is required. A second letter would also be accepted, but is not required. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are submitted by the deadline. For the recommendation letter/s, forward your request to your mentor by e-mail with the following URL for an online submission:  
<https://form.jotform.com/61185829071964>

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