

**University of Arizona Space Grant Internship Application for
Academic Year 2026-27**

Attention:

Before starting your application, please ensure you have at least 20 minutes to complete it in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered and are deleted within 24 hours.

Review the *Internship Overview* webpage to confirm your eligibility for this program.

Review the *Available Internship Placements* for the 2026-27 academic year.

Thank you for your interest in the UA Space Grant Undergraduate Internship Program!

Applicant's First Name

Applicant's Last Name

How did you learn about the Space Grant Undergraduate Internship Program?

- Email or Listserv Announcement
- Handshake Platform
- In-person Recruiting Event
- Current/former Space Grant student
- Current/former Space Grant mentor
- Faculty
- Space Grant Website, Instagram, or LinkedIn
- Other

Applicant's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Applicant's University of Arizona email address

Applicant's Permanent Email Address (non-U of A email address)

School that applicant currently attends at the time of submitting this application.

Applicant's Personal Information

Applicant's cell phone # XXX-XXX-XXXX

Applicant's Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

I am a United States Citizen or Naturalized United States Citizen.

- Yes
- No

At this time, program eligibility is restricted to U.S. citizens and Naturalized U.S. citizens only.

Demographic Information

These questions are viewed by Space Grant staff only and are required for NASA (federal) reporting. Your responses are not shared with the selection committee and are not part of the scoring rubric.

Demographic Information

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- African American or Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Do you identify as

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to disclose
- Prefer to self-describe

I identify as

Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- Yes

- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Have you served in the United States Military Service?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Applicant's Academic Information

University of Arizona Student ID #

Declared Major(s), if decided

Declared Minor(s), if decided

Cumulative GPA at time of application (to second decimal place, X.XX). Please note that this program requires a 2.5 minimum GPA.

What will your academic standing be in Fall 2026? (Applicants must be at least Sophomore standing by the start of the internship.)

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Post-Baccalaurate

How many semesters will you have completed at the University of Arizona by Fall 2026?

- N/A I am a transfer student with enough credit hours to be considered a Sophomore by Fall 2026.

- N/A I am a high school student that has taken enough college credit to be considered a Sophomore by Fall 2026.
- One semester
- Two semesters
- Three or more semesters

Projected Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)

Full-Time Student: I confirm that I will be enrolled at the University of Arizona for 9 units or more in the Fall 2026 semester, and 9 units or more in the Spring 2027 semester.

- Yes, I confirm.

I confirm that I will be enrolled at the University of Arizona during AY26-27 as a

- In-person student located in Tucson, AZ at the UA Main Campus
- Virtual Student
- Other, please explain

Applicant's Background Information

Are you a citizen or member of a Tribal Nation?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Are you a first generation college student?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Have you attended a Community College?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Which Community College(s)?

Do you speak more than one language? If so, please list all languages beyond English. Note that it is required to have English language and writing proficiency to participate in this program.

Experience & Education

Please describe your academic background, experience, personal strengths, and job skills.

Please describe any other information about your personal background and experiences that may offer insight as to why you should be selected for this program, how you may bring a unique perspective to a project, or how your experiences will benefit a project and team, for example.

Please describe your educational goals and future career interests.

Please describe why this internship program is particularly suited to your needs and interests.

If you have participated in any other NASA Programs, please briefly list them below:

You may note up to 2 relevant work-related experiences below. A work experience may include an internship (paid or unpaid), a semester job in a technical, scientific or engineering field, relevant extracurricular projects or clubs, etc.

Add an experience:

- Yes
- No

Experience #1

Position Title

Was this experience paid or unpaid?

Employer Name or Club (if applicable)

Dates work conducted (mm/yy) to (mm/yy)

Please describe your role in this position and any strengths or personal skills utilized (250 characters max)

Add a second experience

- Yes
- No

Experience #2

Position Title

Was this experience paid or unpaid?

Employer Name or Club (if applicable)

Dates work conducted (mm/yy) to (mm/yy)

Please describe your role in this position and any strengths or personal skills utilized (250 characters max)

Please share your expected commitments for next year (Fall 2026, Spring 2027), including both paid and unpaid activities like a Senior Design Project, Honors Thesis, internships, study abroad, or volunteer roles. Be sure to also include any opportunities you've applied for but have not yet been confirmed, such as jobs or internships on or off campus.

Interests & Computer Proficiency

Please rate your experience with the following programs. Your responses will help us match you with a suitable mentor and project, so please answer as accurately as possible.

	None	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
CAD	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C, C++	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Database	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fortran	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GIS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GPS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HTML	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Image Processing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Java	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jupyter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Linux	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MATLAB	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Python	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
R Programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Statistics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SolidWorks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unix	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visual Basic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3D Printing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Microsoft Office Suite
(PPT, Excel, Word)

None

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced



(Optional) Please briefly list any additional skills or proficiencies not noted above.

Please rate your interest in the various fields of study listed below. Your responses will help us match you with a suitable mentor and project, so please answer as accurately as possible.

	None	Curious	Eager	Avid
Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agriculture/Resource/Environmental Economics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anthropology/Rural Sociology/Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Astronomy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Astrobiology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Astrophysics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chemistry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Computer Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation/Natural Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electrical Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental Science, Engineering, Global Change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geosciences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Journalism, Science Communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hydrology and Atmospheric Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nanofabrication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Optical Sciences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planetary Sciences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rangeland Management Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Satellite Design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Space Biology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Software/Systems Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Space Physics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Space Science and Society, Policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Science Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Terrestrial or Planetary Atmosphere/Climate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	None	Curious	Eager	Avid
Terrestrial or Planetary Geology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water and Watershed Management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Internship Placement Details

How many hours per week do you expect to commit to this program? NASA requires all interns to work at least 160 hours during the academic year. This averages out to a minimum of 5 hours per week for the 35-week internship experience. Interns may work a maximum of 20 hours per week for the 35-week internship experience.

- 5 hours per week (minimum)
- 10 hours per week
- 15 hours per week
- 20 hours per week (maximum)

Can you work on the weekends? Some of our research opportunities may require work or fieldwork on the weekends.

- Yes
- No

Do you have the ability to work off of the University of Arizona campus? Some of our industry internship placements are located off-campus and would require personal transportation within the city of Tucson.

- Yes
- No

I can work:

- In person only
- Virtual only
- Both in person or virtual

I prefer to work:

- In person only
- Virtual only
- Hybrid - both in person and virtual
- No preference

I acknowledge that I am required to attend mandatory in-person activities (e.g., orientation and Symposium events), regardless of whether my research project is virtual or in person.

I will attend the mandatory in person activities.

Mentor & Project Requests

(Optional) Review the 2026–27 research opportunities on the Space Grant website: <https://spacegrant.arizona.edu/students/u-internships>. You may list up to five projects you're interested in, with #1 as your top choice. Use the mentor's full name, and include the project number if applicable (e.g., Yancy Shirley_2).

#1	<input type="text"/>
#2	<input type="text"/>
#3	<input type="text"/>
#4	<input type="text"/>
#5	<input type="text"/>

Why did you select your top-choice project, and what makes you a strong fit for it? If you did not select a top-choice project, please describe the type of internship you are interested in and why.

I am applying to a specific project that has been discussed with a mentor who intends for us to work together. Note: Listing a mentor does not guarantee placement or provide any advantage in the selection process.

Yes
 No

The research project reserved for me is with (list mentor's first and last name, and project number if applicable):

If the selection committee is unable to match you with this reserved project due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. funding limitations, mentor can no longer participate in program) do you want to be considered for an internship with a different mentor/project?

- Yes
- No

I am open to being matched with ANY project that the selection committee feels would be a good fit for me and my skills/interests, even if it is not listed as one of my top 5 projects.

- Yes
- No

Please note: While the Space Grant selection committee does their best to match students to the best project for them, you are not guaranteed to be matched with one of your top choices. Furthermore, projects are subject to be modified as the year goes on, new discoveries are made, and the project focus may venture into a new direction.

- I have read the above statement and understand I may not be matched with one of my top 5 internship choices.

Agreements

The University of Arizona NASA Space Grant internship tracks participant outcomes to measure program success and meet federal reporting requirements. If selected, you agree to keep your academic accomplishments and contact information up to date, complete program evaluations during the internship, and submit brief annual follow-up reports until you leave the University, complete your degree, or report your next academic or professional step.

- I agree with the statement above.

I acknowledge that the University of Arizona Space Grant program may use and store the information contained in this application for NASA reporting and program management.

- I agree with the statement above.

Thank you

Thank you for your application responses. All applications will be reviewed this summer. Students will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision (regardless of being awarded or not) in July via the U of A email address listed on their application.