The UA Arizona/NASA Space Grant Program, in collaboration with the UA Arizona Graduate College and the applicant’s nominating department, funds six graduate fellowships per year. Space Grant fellowships are offered to those pursuing degrees in Planetary Sciences, Astronomy, Physics, Earth Sciences, and Global Change-related fields (Atmospheric Sciences, Geosciences, Hydrology and Water Resources, Geography, Ecology, and others), Evolutionary Biology, Mathematics, Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis, and in space-related fields in any college or field that uses space-related science and tools (e.g. Public Policy, the Social Sciences, Science Education, etc.).

Graduate Fellowships are for one year, and can be renewed for a second year with sufficient evidence of effort exerted toward meeting an outreach program goal. Awards include a $16,000 stipend, full in- or out-of-state tuition and registration fees waivers, student health insurance, and a travel grant of $750 to attend professional conferences. (Though totals vary based on individual circumstances, 2019 fellowship awards ranged in value from $21,670-$51,837.) Successful candidates will show a strong commitment to science education.

These awards are funded with Space Grant and UA Arizona Graduate College monies, plus a required department cost-share. Specifically, Space Grant provides: $10,000 stipend, out-of-state tuition waiver, and student health insurance. Departments provide: $6,000 stipend, in-state tuition/registration fee waiver, and $750/year travel funds.

The cost of the department’s in-state tuition/registration fee waiver can be found at: https://tuitioncalculator.fso.arizona.edu/#/

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Can a department fulfill their cost sharing requirements for the student through a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA) position? Yes, however, students need to be made aware / clearly understand that their $6k department stipend is being included in their TA/RA wage. Students must also be informed of their TA/RA and Fellowship responsibilities for this wage.

- Can the department’s cost sharing requirement be paid with other federal funds? Yes.
Can the graduate fellow hold other awards/federal awards at the same time? Yes, the UA\textsubscript{r}izona/NASA Space Grant Program does not restrict fellows from accepting other federal/non-federal awards. However, Space Grant is a federally funded program and other federally-funded grants may not allow this overlap.

- When will Space Grant load and disburse the health insurance award? An amount equal to Fall (4.5 months) health insurance costs will be disbursed at the beginning of the Fall semester; Spring and Summer (7.5 months) insurance funds will be disbursed at the beginning of the Spring semester. Students are responsible for enrolling in health insurance.

- As a TA/RA, this student’s health insurance is covered. Can the NASA Space Grant health insurance funds instead be used to cover the department’s required travel funds ($750) cost share? No, these NASA Space Grant funds are earmarked for health insurance only.

- Can Space Grant health insurance funds be used to purchase dental or vision insurance? Unfortunately, the NASA Space Grant is only able to provide health insurance awards for UA\textsubscript{r}izona premium health insurance.

- How is the $10,000 Space Grant stipend distributed? The $10,000 Space Grant-portion of the student’s stipend will be divided between the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. At the beginning of the Fall semester, $8,000 will be loaded into the student’s Bursar account. $4,000 will be disbursed via this account in the Fall; $4,000 will be disbursed in the Spring; and an additional $2,000 will be loaded and disbursed in the summer. We recommend students enroll in direct deposit to receive these awards. If a graduate fellow plans to graduate in May of the award year, there is a possibility that the $2,000 summer funds can be released early if the fellowship project is completed or if work on the project continues over summer. Students must contact macoe@lpl.arizona.edu to receive early disbursement of summer funds.

- Who is responsible for payment of the UA\textsubscript{r}izona fees/tuition beyond what is covered by this fellowship? The student is responsible for these fees.