

# Education: Summer Internships

Aerospace Careers: NASA Student Jobs/Career Interns



## **Introduction**

NASA's journeys into air and space have deepened humankind's understanding of the universe, advanced technology breakthroughs, enhanced air travel safety and security, and expanded the frontiers of scientific research. These accomplishments share a common genesis: education. As the United States begins the second century of flight, the Nation must maintain its commitment to excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education to ensure that the next generation of Americans can accept the full measure of their roles and responsibilities in shaping the future. NASA will continue the Agency's tradition of investing in the Nation's education programs and supporting the country's educators who play a key role in preparing, inspiring, exciting, encouraging, and nurturing the young minds of today who will be the workforce of tomorrow.

In 2006 and beyond, NASA will continue to pursue three major education goals:

- Strengthening NASA and the Nation's future workforce
- Attracting and retaining students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, disciplines
- Engaging Americans in NASA's mission

## **Career Interns are NASA's Future**

NASA actively supports three career-intern (post-degree) programs, geared primarily to graduates. Read ahead for information on each of the programs and where to go for more information.

### [Federal Career Internship Program \(FCIP\)](#)

NASA uses the Federal Career Intern Program to recruit and attract exceptional individuals into a variety of entry-level occupations. Participants in this two-year program receive valuable on-the-job experience as well as formal classroom training. After successful completion of the program, interns are converted to permanent NASA positions.

### [NASA Contracting Intern Program \(NCIP\)](#)

If you are a college graduate with a degree in a business related field and minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, the NCIP is a 30 month program which consists of two rotational assignments. Your first trip will be to NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC for orientation.

The NCIP provides structured training including formal education in the area of contracting, diverse rotational assignments, and extensive on-the-job training. The program's goal is to develop a valuable resource pool of candidates for employment at one of the NASA Centers. Participants work under the guidance of qualified procurement personnel performing duties directly related to the field of procurement.

**At Civil Air Patrol, the volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, we're helping develop tomorrow's aerospace workforce.**

## Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program is managed by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Individuals who have earned a graduate degree and are interested in pursuing a career in Federal services will want to participate in this program. This is a two-year program and participants are appointed at the GS-9 level (currently \$38,406 - \$49,924 per year). After successful completion of the first year, PMFs are eligible for promotion to the GS-11 level (\$46,469 - \$60,405 per year). Upon successful completion of the second year, PMFs are eligible for conversion to a permanent federal civil service position and promotion to the GS-12 level (\$55,694 - \$72,400 per year). Over 100 government organizations, including NASA participate in the PMF program.

You can get detailed information on how to apply for a Presidential Management Fellows position by visiting the Presidential Management Fellows website at <http://www.pmi.opm.gov>

### **Links to Intern Information & Contacts click below:**

Apply: [http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/programs/descriptions/Achieving\\_Competence.html](http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/programs/descriptions/Achieving_Competence.html)

Contacts: <http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/contacts/highed.html>

### **Links to more Information click below:**

<http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/studentopps/employment/default.htm>

<http://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/programs/descriptions/Students-rd.html>

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