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Summer 2026 Undergraduate Informal STEM Education Internship

Deadline: Feb 20th, 2026

Purpose:

Five applicants will be selected for a 8-week internship hosted at one of the ISGC informal outreach affiliates including The [Science Center of Iowa](#), [Putnam Museum & Science Center](#), [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium](#), [The Grout Museum District](#) and [The Iowa Children's Museum](#). There will be one intern placed at each outreach affiliate. A stipend of \$6,560 will be awarded for the 8-week internship with proof of enrollment at ISGC affiliate* and a minimum 3.0 GPA met with transcript verification from Fall 2025. Interns will participate in or lead programming showcasing NASA and NASA's work and/or develop and deliver educational programming for hosting outreach affiliate. Mentors will provide experiences to increase understanding and application of STEM education and science communication.

Eligibility:

- U.S Citizenship Required
- Full-time enrollment at DMACC, Drake, ISU, Loras, Morningside, UI, UNI or Simpson College at the time of application*
- Graduation date no earlier than Spring of 2027
- Majoring in STEM or education disciplines
- Good academic standing (minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA)

Selection:

Internships are competitively awarded based on complete application information including academic qualifications. Awardees will be required to present a poster presentation at the ISGC Research Symposium in spring 2027 (date TBD). Awardees must agree to participate in a NASA longitudinal tracking process that surveys student progress and eventual employment outcomes to help assess the effectiveness of our program and STEM retention efforts. The undergraduate intern will create a final report at the end of the internship for the ISGC Office and Executive Committee. A report template will be provided. Please note housing accommodations for the 8-week internship will **not** be provided by ISGC or the hosting affiliate. While general recommendations regarding local housing options may be offered by mentors, selected students are responsible for securing accommodations.

To Apply:

- Complete the application:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/9d473a57fe6643d6a255c985a16796e3>
- As part of the application, you will be asked to upload your most recent unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured PDF)

Preliminary announcement date for awards in early April 2026, contingent upon availability of NASA funding. This online announcement is available at: <https://www.iaspacegrant.org/informal-stem-education-internship/>