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Summer 2026 Mission Moon Intern Program

Deadline: February 20, 2026

Purpose:

The Summer Mission Moon Intern will help deliver exciting, hands-on STEM activities for youth across Iowa, focusing on space science and technology. This position supports program logistics, prepares materials, and leads interactive experiences such as drone flying, Starlab presentations, and rover-building challenges at statewide STEM events, traveling space camps, and on-campus programs. The role is ideal for individuals who enjoy working with youth, have strong communication skills, and are passionate about inspiring curiosity in science and engineering. Candidates should be organized, adaptable, and comfortable engaging with diverse groups of young learners in a fun, educational setting. A stipend of \$8,200 will be awarded for the 10-week internship with proof of enrollment at an ISGC affiliate* and a minimum 3.0 GPA met with transcript verification from Fall 2025.

Eligibility:

- U.S. Citizenship Required
- Full-time enrollment at an ISGC affiliate: DMACC, Drake, ISU, Loras, Morningside, UI, UNI or Simpson 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 must 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 intern will create a final report for the ISGC Office and Executive Committee at the end of the internship. A report template will be provided. Please note that ISGC does not provide housing accommodation for the 10-week internship.

To Apply:

- Complete the Mission Moon Intern Application here:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/244653cb7c124db78e062ccb282206b9>
- As part of the application, you will be asked to upload your most recent unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured PDF).

This online announcement is available on the ISGC website: