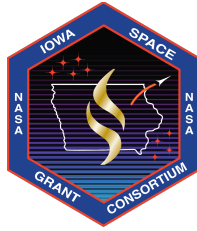


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2026-2027 Graduate Fellowship Program

Deadline: **October 16, 2026**

Purpose:

The Iowa Space Grant Consortium (ISGC) Graduate Fellowship Program is designed to support outstanding graduate students pursuing NASA-aligned research opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) disciplines. Program goals include alignment with the [NASA Mission Directorates](#), encouragement of qualified individuals to continue in a space science or aerospace-related field, support of research infrastructure at our member institutions and retention of U.S. graduates.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen
- Full-time enrollment at Iowa State or University of Iowa as of August 2026.
 - Enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits per semester or 1 or more credits on assistantship.
- Graduation date no earlier than May 2027.
- Must be accepted into an MS or PhD program (STEM field).
- Currently working on a faculty-mentored research project that has NASA STEM relevance.
- Good academic standing (minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA).

Selection:

Funding is competitively awarded based on complete application information including academic qualifications, research project, NASA alignment, and faculty letter of recommendation. A total of eight (8) awards of \$6,000 will be processed before the end of the fall 2026 semester. The awardee will receive funding as a stipend applied to their university account after receipt of an acceptance form. Awardees will need to provide an unofficial transcript upon graduation and agree to participate in a NASA longitudinal tracking process that surveys student progress and eventual employment outcome to help assess the effectiveness of our program and STEM retention efforts. The ISGC director, in consultation with a consortium review committee, will make award selections. Awards will be announced prior to the end of fall semester 2026.

To Apply:

- Complete the [fellowship application](#)
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019df45212497917892474988629839e>
- As part of the application, you will be asked to upload your most recent unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured PDF).
- Faculty advisors must submit a [recommendation letter](#) online that describes the student's role within a STEM research project. A second recommendation letter is optional that addresses the student's broader qualifications. Forward this URL to your mentor:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0196f8da11867fe89bb388ab91801168>

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