

**2026-2027 Nevada NASA
Space Grant Consortium
Undergraduate Scholarship Program**



Announcement for undergraduate students enrolled in a full-time program at:
University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; Nevada State
University; College of Southern Nevada; Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows
Community College; and Western Nevada College

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2026, 5 pm PT

Tips and Q&A Webinar: Monday, February 2, 2026, at 12:00 pm PT

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

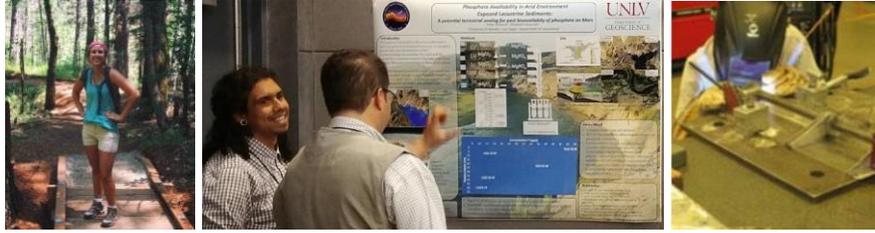
**Tips and Q&A Webinar will be recorded and posted on the NV NASA Programs website.
Email daranda@nshe.nevada.edu if you have any trouble with the meeting link.**

**NOTE: Please open this document in Adobe Acrobat to view attached paperclip resource
files relevant to this solicitation.**



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Space Grant College and Fellowship Training Program
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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium (NVSGC) is pleased to announce the availability of **undergraduate research scholarships** for students pursuing NASA-aligned science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) degrees at the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions. This program is designed to support **independently conceived research or hands-on projects** that contribute directly to NASA's Mission Directorate priorities.

Students may apply for **one of two funding periods**: a **10-week Summer 2026 research project**, or a **full Academic Year scholarship** (Fall and Spring semesters). Funding will be awarded competitively based on merit, with a limited number of scholarships available.

Paperclipped Attachments

Please note, to view all relevant attachments to this solicitation, please open this PDF document in Adobe Acrobat and select the paperclip on the side of the screen (you may need to click the arrow to expand the panel where the paperclip icon is located). Any questions regarding the paperclip attachments or how to access these documents can be directed to Darlene Aranda at daranda@nshe.nevada.edu.

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-  fy_22_NASA_strategic_plan.pdf
-  NASA Priority Research Topics (10-9-2023).pdf
-  Writing_SMART_Objectives_ASG.pdf



Eligibility and Application Scope

This opportunity is open to **full-time undergraduate students** enrolled at an NSHE institution who are pursuing a degree in a **NASA-related STEM discipline**. Eligible students may come from a wide range of fields including, but not limited to, engineering, physics, space science, computer science, environmental science, mathematics, and STEM education.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full-time at an NSHE institution during the award period
- Be working toward a STEM degree aligned with NASA priorities
- Be in good academic standing and eligible to receive financial aid
- Be supervised by at least one NSHE faculty mentor during the project period

For summer awards: Must be enrolled in at least one summer credit or defer disbursement to Fall 2026 (with Fall enrollment required)

Please Note: Students will not be permitted to hold two scholarships simultaneously within the

same semester. If selected for both the Nevada Space Grant scholarship and another NV EPSCoR NSF or UROP scholarship, the student will be **required to choose only one**.

Award Amount and Disbursement

Each selected student will receive a **\$3,000 scholarship**.

- **Summer awardees** receive the full amount during the 10-week program
- **Academic year awardees** receive \$1,500 per semester (Fall and Spring)

Funds are disbursed at the beginning of each term, contingent upon the student maintaining **full-time enrollment, good academic standing, and continued faculty mentorship**. In addition, all recipients will be required to use a portion of their scholarship funds to attend and present at the Nevada statewide NASA EPSCoR/NVSGC meeting in Reno in spring 2027.

Lower & Upper Division Considerations

All qualified undergraduate students are encouraged to apply; however, applicants will be reviewed in two categories:

- **Lower Division:** Students with 59 or fewer total completed semester credits
- **Upper Division:** Students with 60 or more completed semester credits

Scholarships will be awarded in proportion to the number of applicants in each division. While returning students may reapply, **priority will be given to new applicants** who have not previously received NVSGC funding.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted online and include a **single PDF file** containing all required materials. **Incomplete or late submissions will not be reviewed.**

The application must include the following:

1. **Online Application Form:**
(<https://nasa.epscorspo.nevada.edu/funding/2026-2027-nvsgc-ug/>)
2. **Project Description** (2 pages max):
A clearly written proposal, prepared by the student, explaining the research objectives, significance, NASA alignment, timeline, and methods. It must be understandable to reviewers from diverse STEM backgrounds.
3. **References/Citations:** Listed separately and not included in the page limit.
4. **Unofficial Transcripts:** From all colleges attended, including Spring 2026 course enrollments.
5. **Biographical Sketch or CV** (2 pages max):
The student and faculty must each provide a biographical sketch or CV, which is limited to two pages and is not included in the two-page limit for the project description
A template is available at:
<https://nasa.epscorspo.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Student-CV-Builder.pdf>
6. **Recommendation Letter:**
At least one letter from the supervising mentor on letterhead or sent from their official email, affirming the originality of the proposal and their intent to support the student.
7. **Statement of Interest** (1 page):

A concise overview of the student's background, experiences, and goals, emphasizing their interest in a NASA-related STEM career.

If you do not receive a confirmation email after submitting your application, please contact **Darlene Aranda** at daranda@nshe.nevada.edu to verify receipt.

Research Proposal Guidelines

Students must propose a research project that aligns with one of NASA's **Mission Directorate research priorities**. For reference, applicants should consult the attached document: "*NASA Priority Research Topics (10-9-2023)*" and/or <https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/>.

The proposal must include:

- Title
- Abstract (50–100 words)
- Introduction and background
- Research objectives or hypotheses
- Methodology
- Project timeline
- Plans for dissemination (e.g., poster, report, publication)
- Proposals should be single-spaced, with 1" margins, using 12-pt Times New Roman font.

Mentorship and Support

Each scholarship recipient must be supervised by at least one NSHE faculty mentor. Collaborative mentorship is allowed and encouraged, particularly across institutions or with participation from DRI, UNLV, UNR, STEM industry partners, or NASA personnel.

If you need help identifying a mentor, please consult the **Nevada STEM Mentor Network**: <https://stemmentor.epscorspo.nevada.edu>

Review Process and Notification

All applications will undergo a statewide, merit-based review by a panel comprised of faculty from multiple NSHE institutions. Selection is based on:

- Quality and clarity of the proposed research
- Relevance to NASA Mission Directorate priorities
- Academic performance and research preparation
- Quality of mentor recommendation letter and their project involvement
- Student's motivation and long-term career interest in NASA-related STEM

Once the review panel has completed the review of all scholarship applications, students will be notified via email. Scholarships will be awarded and distributed by each student's home institution once federal funds are released. Please note that delays from NASA or Congress may impact fund disbursement timeframe (**timelines are not provided due to this reason**).

Program Expectations and Reporting

If your proposal is selected for funding, you will be expected to:

- Provide a headshot or photo of you in the lab or field, sign a media release form (located

- on our website), and a summary of your proposed research, academic, and career goals.
- Present project at the next NASA Statewide Annual Meeting (in poster form or if selected, as an oral presentation).
 - Respond to annual NVSGC/NASA follow-up surveys regarding education and career trajectory
 - NASA uses this data to demonstrate program impact to Congress and justify continued funding.

Deadline:

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Informational Webinar

NVSGC Fellowship & Scholarship Application Tips/Q&A

An *Application Tips & Q&A Session* will be held via Microsoft Teams:

 Thursday, February 2, 2026

 12:00 PM PT

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Applicants with questions regarding this program are strongly encouraged to contact Darlene Aranda at daranda@nshe.nevada.edu

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More information about NV Space Grant may be found at:

<https://nasa.epscorspo.nevada.edu/>