

2024-2025 USU UNSGC Fellowship Announcement

The annual Fellowship applications are due on June 5, 2024. Awards are made to enrolled Utah State University graduate students in disciplines that are of interest to NASA and who are American citizens. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. Selection is made by an interdisciplinary USU faculty committee. The annual UNSGC Fellowship award can be up to \$16,000*.

The graduate student is required to have a qualified major professor/faculty advisor with who the awardee has discussed the research and have jointly identified a match. ** (Note: NASA requires these fellowship funds to have a match.)

Your application package consists of the following four items:

1. The completed fellowship application form which is available as part of this package and also on the UNSGC web site.
2. A letter describing your research plan during the period of this UNSGC award. (see guidelines for this plan)
3. A letter from your major professor acknowledging his/her role as your research mentor. (see guidelines for this letter)
4. A proposed match. (This would be negotiated by the UNSGC USU trustee, applicant, and major professor at the time an award is being made.)

Please submit either a hard copy of the completed package to Kim Olson (Room EL-158) or e-mail the completed package to kim.olson@usu.edu.

* *The fellowship funding will be a stipend paid to the student as a \$8,000 fall semester award and a \$8,000 spring semester award. There is no additional funding to cover applicable fees, health insurance, etc.*

** *The definition of match is quite broad. The restriction is that Federal funds cannot be used as a match. However, the following can all be considered match eligible: tuition waivers from non-federal sources, other support the graduate student receives during the year, major professor/faculty advisor time spent mentoring the student. (For further clarification, contact Jan Sojka, jan.sojka@usu.edu.)*

Guidelines for Graduate Student's letter describing the proposed research plan for their UNSGC fellowship application

- Provide an abstract/overview of the research [*max. 200 words*]
- Provide details of your academic and research status that will enable you to succeed in carrying out this research [*max. 200 words*]
- Describe the research project and expected outcomes [*max. 3 pages including diagrams and citations*]

Guidelines for Faculty letter of support for their graduate student UNSGC fellowship application

- Provide overview of how this proposed research is aligned with your own research. [*max. 250 words*]
- Provide your expectations of this research with regards to outcomes, publications, presentations, the MS or PhD degree time scale [*max. 250 words*]
- Indication of how you expect to provide the match for the requested fellowship amount [*max. 150 words*]
- This program restricts a mentor to supporting only one student application in a given year.



Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Fellowship Application, 2024-25 for Graduate Students at Utah State University



Please print or type:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: (include city, state, zip): _____

E-mail Address (print legibly): _____

Are you a previous UNSGC Fellowship holder? Yes (If yes, for ____ years) No

Area of Study: _____

Degree Sought: MS PhD

Major Professor/Faculty Advisor: _____

Major Professor/Faculty Advisor E-mail address: _____

How many years of graduate work completed: _____

Protected class status: (Please note the Consortium is required by NASA to report the information below for assessing the effectiveness of this program in recruiting students in technical disciplines, especially women and underrepresented minorities. The information may also play a part on the selection process by permitting affirmative action selections among otherwise equally qualified applicants. Thus, you are asked to complete applicable parts of this section.)

Male Female

Individual with disability(ies)

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race:

___ Black or African American ___ Asian ___ White ___ American Indian or Alaska Native
___ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ___ Other, please specify

Please initial each of the following statements:

I certify that: *(note: if any statement is not initialized, your application will not be considered)*

_____ I am a citizen of the United States.

_____ I am or will be a full-time graduate student during the academic year 2024-2025.

_____ I understand that being awarded a UNSGC fellowship will also require a match. To this end, I have discussed this requirement with my major professor/faculty advisor.

_____ If awarded a UNSGC fellowship, I agree to provide UNSGC an end-of-year report, present my work at the annual UNSGC Fellowship Symposium, and provide information about my studies and/or employment on request beyond the term of this award. *(This is part of a NASA requirement to track the long-range effectiveness of the fellowship program.)*

Signature

Date