

# Maryland Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship Program



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Maryland Space Grant Consortium (MDSGC) is pleased to accept applicants to the Spring Semester 2025 MDSGC Graduate Fellowship Program. Fellowships are intended to support students pursuing graduate degrees in fields related to NASA's mission and are open to students at MDSGC affiliate institutions with a graduate program. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis and provide funding for tuition, fees, fringe benefits, and salary for the duration of the award period.

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## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a MDSGC fellowship, applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate program at an MDSGC affiliate institution for the entire award period, e.g., awardees must not graduate before the end of the award period.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Be affiliated with a faculty mentor who is eligible to serve as a principal investigator on NASA grants.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted by **October 1, 2024** as a single PDF file to the MDSGC office at [mdsgc-fellowships@jhu.edu](mailto:mdsgc-fellowships@jhu.edu) and include the following components:

- **Personal Statement** - A statement describing your background, research interests, and career goals. 1 page maximum.
- **Research Proposal** - A research proposal outlining your research plan. Your proposal must describe how your research aligns with NASA's mission and goals. 1 page maximum.
- **Faculty Advisor Statement of Support** - The faculty advisor for the proposed research must provide a brief statement of support. The statement must acknowledge the student's submission to the MDSGC Graduate Fellowship program, confirm the good academic standing of the applicant, and attest to the mentor's eligibility to serve as a principal investigator on grants at their institution.
- **Curriculum Vitæ** - A curriculum vitæ or resumé highlighting your educational background, research experience, publications, and any relevant professional activities.
- **Budget** - A budget outlining how the funds will be used to cover tuition, fees, fringe benefits, and student salary for the award period. *The maximum allowable amount for tuition and fees is \$10,500. The university must exempt the student from paying any tuition and fees beyond the allowed amount for the award period.* It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the budget is complete, accurate, and consistent with the applicant's department norms. No additional funds will be provided beyond the amount awarded. This award can be used to cover tuition, fees, fringe benefits, and student salary for Spring Semester 2025 only. Funds cannot be used for travel, equipment, or other expenses. **Funds cannot be used to cover indirect costs or facilities and administrative costs.**

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MDSGC expects to award at least one fellowship to each eligible affiliate institution. The number of fellowships awarded will depend on the number of applications received and the quality of the proposals submitted. Fellowship awardees will be notified on or about **November 1, 2024**.

Upon acceptance of a fellowship, awardees must provide a photo, signed media release form, and a biographical sketch for the MDSGC website. At the conclusion of the semester, students must provide a highlight story for the Space Grant website of 250 words or less.

The MDSGC Graduate Fellowship Program is funded by NASA and administered by the Maryland Space Grant Consortium. For more information about the program, please visit the MDSGC website at <https://md.spacegrant.org>. If you have any questions about the application process or eligibility requirements, please email the MDSGC office at [mdsgc-fellowships@jhu.edu](mailto:mdsgc-fellowships@jhu.edu).