**Nasa space grant GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP: SUmmer 2025**

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**ABOUT NH SPACE GRANT UNH GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS**

* Awards are typically provided only for the upcoming summer session. Awards provide stipend for full-time Masters or PhD students pursuing a research-based degree in a NASA-related discipline.
* Application only applies to current year’s process. Student can apply again in future years but with a new application.
* Applicants mustbe either currently enrolled or recently admitted to a **full-time** UNH graduate program.
* **Fellowships are restricted to citizens of the United States. If selected, proof of citizenship will be required.**
* A goal of the Space Grant Program is to increase the pool of graduate students in NASA-related fields, achievable in part by broadening the application pool.
* Selection is partially based on providing a diverse representation of the various NASA-related Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics (STEM) disciplines/departments at UNH.

**Application Deadline for Summer 2025 Awards is 11:59 PM, February 14, 2025**.
**Selections for Summer 2025 are anticipated to be announced by March 31, 2025**

The New Hampshire Space Grant Consortium typically awards two fellowships per application cycle (pending funding) for research-based graduate study in NASA-related disciplines at the University of New Hampshire. NASA-related disciplines cover a broad spectrum of fields, including (but not exclusively): physics, space physics, astrophysics, science education, computer science, engineering, Earth science, and life sciences which utilize space technology and/or adopt a “planetary” view of the global environment.

Fellowships are sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) through the National Space Grant and Fellowship Program, via a cooperative agreement award to the NHSGC. NASA Space Grant is a cost share program (14 CFR 1260.123). All awards are contingent upon availability of NASA funding.

**APPLICATION PROCESS FOR Summer 2025 AWARDS**

Applications for Summer must be received by the NHSGC Directorship no later than **February 14, 2025**. For an applicant to be considered, the following application package shall be provided by the student to the Directorship.  **Only fully completed (all entries) applications will be considered.**

**APPLICANTS SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Completed [application cover form](http://127.0.0.1:52037/content/8xKIURWDlQcvTsWWAAAE/s2dJLQX/e8Rkw3M/DHSQWxa/TwwKZ4O/FJouF23/ObNhuvz/NHSGCfellowship_application_cover_form_2020.doc) (below).
2. Copy of **most recent** graduate transcript. If this is the student's incoming/first semester of graduate school, then the most recent undergraduate transcript is acceptable. Transcripts may be unofficial copies but must reflect the most recent applicable semester. Applicants are expected to show a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.
3. Project Description. The description shall contain:
	1. A clear description of the research problem (including background and relevance to previous work), and the objectives and methodology planned for the award period.
	2. The direct relationship of the research problem to NASA priorities (found on Mission Directorate websites).
	3. Format: the project description should not exceed three pages, excluding literature citations, single-spaced, 12-point font, 1” margins on all sides.
4. A signed letter of recommendation from the UNH faculty (or senior research staff) advisor who will be mentoring the student's research. The letter shall include:
	1. Special research circumstances, including enhanced financial need for student support
	2. Additional relevant information about the student, such as: external outreach efforts, proposals, publications, mentoring, and other extracurricular or related experience. Additional relevant information about the advisor, such as early career status (less than 10 years since degree granted).
	3. Graduate student stipend level (1, 2, or 3).
	4. Whether funding is requested for full-time, half-time, or hourly (and if hourly, how many hours).
5. A statement from the UNH faculty advisor indicating source and amount of non-federal matching funds. This statement may be included within item 4. Match may be in-kind funding. Non-tenure track faculty and research staff may request a waiver on the matching fund requirement. [Read about UNH cost-sharing](https://www.usnh.edu/policy/unh/viii-research-policies/m-cost-sharing-externally-sponsored-programs)

**This application is for only the Summer 2025 term.**

**Submittal of all application materials is the responsibility of the student.**

Complete applications shall be submitted in a single PDF file to both

Toni.Galvin@unh.edu and Lorna.Ellis@unh.edu

Subject line: "Space Grant Fellowship Application"

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

(These Fellowships are sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). NASA Space Grant is a cost share program (14 CFR 1260.123). Awards are conditional upon receipt of funding from NASA).

Applications will undergo a technical compliance and merit review. Selection in part based on relevance of the applicant’s interests, background, and planned graduate program to NASA’s research and education priorities and strategic goals. Selection is also based on other programmatic factors, such as the distribution of fellowships across varied STEM disciplines, departments, advisors, and degree programs. Selection is contingent upon fulfillment of the admission requirements of the relevant academic degree program and agreement by the student to participate in a national database and NASA-required longitudinal tracking.

NASA now requires successful applicants to respond to a NASA Gateway request that they will receive via email. This will require you to input your information into a NASA database. It is important that the email on your cover sheet is one to which you will respond.

In addition to the NASA database, awardees shall submit contact and demographic information to NHSGC and to a third-party longitudinal tracking service (these are related to requirements in NASA reporting on our cooperative agreement with NASA). Awardees may be asked to voluntarily participate in follow-up surveys and questionnaires (including an independent evaluator) to help us improve our program.

Awardees shall submit a short report at the end of the award semester summarizing the status of their research under the fellowship program. There are examples on our website.

**SPACE GRANT UNH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION COVER FORM**

**Only fully-completed applications will be considered. Please enter “N/A” for non-applicable.**

Date:

Name:

Please Confirm US Citizenship:

Please Confirm you are a full-time student:

E-mail Address (most frequently checked):

Local Address:

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Phone Number (best number to reach you):

Date of matriculation into UNH Graduate School:

Degree Sought (Ph.D., M.S., Other):

Department in Which Degree is Sought:

Expected Year of Graduation:

Graduate Student Stipend Level[[1]](#footnote-1):

Cumulative GPA (minimum 3.0):

Advisor’s Name:

Advisor’s E-mail Address:

Project Title:

Optional: A NASA point of contact[[2]](#footnote-2):

Totally Optional: Any additional information that the applicant believes would be useful in the selection process that is not part of the student’s research summary (examples: STEM outreach activities, life experiences and background, …)

1. Master’s and Doctoral year 1 or 2 is **Level 1**. Doctoral post 2nd year is **Level 2**. Post candidacy is **Level 3**. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Name of a NASA person who has a direct interest in this project. For example: a mission’s project scientist. (Your advisor should be able to help with this information.) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)