National Aeronautics and Space Administration



# NASA Pathways Programs and OSSI SOLAR Internships



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### What is Pathways?



NASA Pathways\* Programs provide opportunities for students and recent graduates to be considered for Federal employment through the:

- NASA Pathways Intern Employment Program (IEP)

   Note: For students only
- NASA Pathways Recent Graduates Program (RGP)
- NASA Pathways Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program
  - Note: For advanced degree graduates only

Pathways assists NASA in attracting and recruiting welleducated students and recent graduates into the workforce via public notice opportunities.



\*Pathways was implemented July 10, 2012 by OPM

### Why Consider Pathways?



### Purpose:



Provides recent graduates and students pursuing STEM

(Science, technology, engineering, and math) and business professional disciplines the following:

- exposure to public service
- financial support to encourage and support educational goals
- exposure to real work situations
- educational/work experience enhancements

\*\*\*Pathways Programs may lead to full-time employment with NASA upon successful completion of the program requirements and the ability to be hired by a NASA Center.\*\*\*

## Who is Eligible to Participate in Pathways?



#### **NASA's Intern Employment Recent Graduates Program (RGP)** Program (IEP) U.S. Citizens Students currently enrolled at •

- least half-time, or accepted for enrollment in an accredited school (e.g. undergrad, graduate, or professional)
- Pursuing a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) or business professional field of study
- Achieved good scholastic standing (cumulative 2.9 GPA or higher)
- Ability to work alternating semesters while a Co-op (includes a Fall, Spring and Summer work-term)

#### U.S. Citizens

- Recent graduates from qualifying educational institution and program (e.g. vocational/certificate/trade school, undergrad, graduate, professional)
- Must have completed educational • program after December 27, 2010

Note: Non-veterans must apply within the preceding 2 years of degree/certificate completion; Veterans must apply within 6 years if unable to apply within preceding 2 years due to military service

- Graduate with a science. technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) or business professional field of study
- Achieved good scholastic standing, cumulative 2.9 or higher GPA

### **Presidential Management** Fellows (PMF) Program

- U.S. Citizens ٠
- Recent advanced degree graduates who have completed a qualifying degree within the preceding two years, or in the process of completing it by 8/31 in the year of program application
- Meet Office of Personnel Management PMF-specific qualifications (For more information, visit: http://www.pmf.gov/opportu nity/index.aspx)

## What Are the Requirements for Each Pathways Program?



NASA's Intern Employment	Recent Graduates Program	Presidential Management
Program (IEP)	(RGP)	Fellows (PMF) Program
<ul> <li>As a student trainee:</li> <li>1. Work 640 hour (minimum)</li> <li>2. Maintain 2.9 cumulative GPA</li> <li>3. Maintain at least a half-time course load during a school- only term</li> <li>4. Execute an Individual Development Plan (IDP)</li> <li>5. Sign a Participant Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As a recent graduate:</li> <li>1. Work a 1-year FT career developmental program</li> <li>2. Hold a 2.9 cumulative GPA</li> <li>3. Execute an Individual Development Plan</li> <li>4. Work with a mentor</li> <li>5. Attend 40 hours of formal interactive training</li> <li>6. Sign a Participant Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As an advanced degree graduate:</li> <li>1. Work a 2-year FT leadership developmental program</li> <li>2. Execute an Individual Development Plan</li> <li>3. Work with a mentor</li> <li>4. Attend 80 hrs of training/yr</li> <li>5. Work an external 4-6mo assignment</li> <li>6. Sign a Participant Agreement</li> </ul>

How Do I Apply to a Pathways Opportunity and Who Do I Contact ?



Apply on-line...search NASAJobs at:

- http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/default.htm
  - Alternatively, link directly to USAJobs and use the following search terms: "NASA", "Goddard", "Pathways", "Internship" or "Recent Graduates")

### Questions about Pathways, visit:

• www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads

POCs for Pathways Programs:

• http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/studentopps/default.htm

## What Should a Pathways Resume Include?

- Full name (first/middle/last)
- U.S. Citizenship

Note: For non-U.S. Citizenship opportunities, visit: <a href="http://www.nasajobs.nasa.gov/jobs/noncitizens.htm">www.nasajobs.nasa.gov/jobs/noncitizens.htm</a>

- Mailing address (permanent address preferred)
- For recent graduates:
  - degree, major, date of degree completion, cumulative GPA
- For students:
  - degree, major, credit hours (indicated by quarter or semester hours completed), cumulative GPA, and expected date of graduation (or date of enrollment if recently entering into an academic program)
- Relatedness of career goals or academic background to the position
- Relevant coursework
- Prior intern work experience, if applicable to the targeted position

### NASA Pathways Program Benefits



- Salaries/Pay (go to www.opm.gov to view OPM salary tables)
  - Undergraduate students GS-4 thru GS-6 (\$14.59 \$18.20)
  - Graduate students GS-7 thru GS-9 (\$20.22 \$21.98)
  - PhD Students GS-9 thru GS-11 (\$24.74 \$29.93)
- Tuition Assistance (at the discretion of the Center)\*
- Travel Trip back to school and each succeeding tour (at the discretion of the Center)\*
- Promotion eligibility
- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) similar to 401K in private sector
- Annual Leave
- Sick Leave
- Military Leave
- Federal Holidays

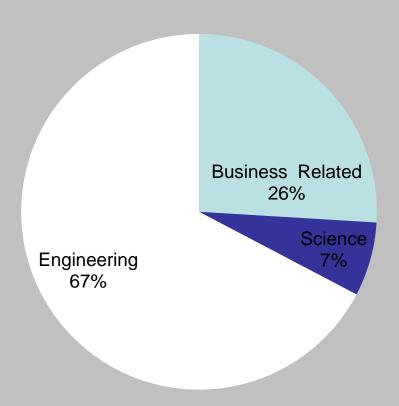


\*These benefits vary per Center's budget and program requirements/approvals.

GSFC Intern Employment Program (IEP) by Majors (aka Co-op Program prior to 7/10/2012)



### Student Trainee Population FY10 – FY12



### OSSI SOLAR Internships...

NASA-related research and development experiences for educators, high school, undergraduate and graduate students





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### What are the Eligibility and Program Requirements for OSSI SOLAR Internships?



**NASA Office of Education Intern Program** 

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. U.S. Citizens (by birth or naturalization)
- 2. Student or Educator:
  - High School students, minimum 16 yrs of age
  - Undergraduate, or graduate students accepted/enrolled full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university
- 3. Achieved GPA of 2.8 or higher on 4.0 scale
  - 3.0 GPA recommended in STEM or supporting discipline that meet GSFC needs and research opportunity
  - Some internships will require a higher GPA
- 4. Appointments between 6 weeks to year-round (i.e. Summer, Fall, and Spring Sessions)
  - Internship hours range from 320 for high school students, to 400 hours for others

#### Program Requirements:

Interns participates in a research or development experience aligned with their academic background and skills while developing and/or deepening their research inquiry knowledge, their engineering analysis and application skills, or other areas that contribute to the Center's mission.

## Where at NASA Can You Obtain a Pathways or OSSI Intern Opportunity?



