

NASA Science Journalism, Multimedia & Social Media Internships

Unofficial Application Guide [updated Mar 21, 2024]



- Location:** NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, local and hybrid options available
- Focus areas:** Science writing, social media, video & multimedia, audio/podcast newsroom spicy combo
- Stipend:** ~10k undergrad, 13k grad for 16 weeks, less for 10-week summer program.
- Eligibility:** You must be a current student, or no more than three months past graduation. Right now, the program can only support US citizens.
- Location:** We are encouraging onsite internships this summer on campus at Greenbelt though hybrid/remote internships are possible
- Summer '24** 10 weeks, positions filled
- Fall '24** 16 weeks, starts August

[NASA Journalism, Multimedia, Social Media Internships](#) (017868)

[NASA Audio Storytelling Internship](#) (unique identifier 017867)

[NASA Spanish-language Journalism, Multimedia, Social Media Intern](#) (017869)

Questions? nasa.science.producers@gmail.com - recommend send copy of your resume to this site

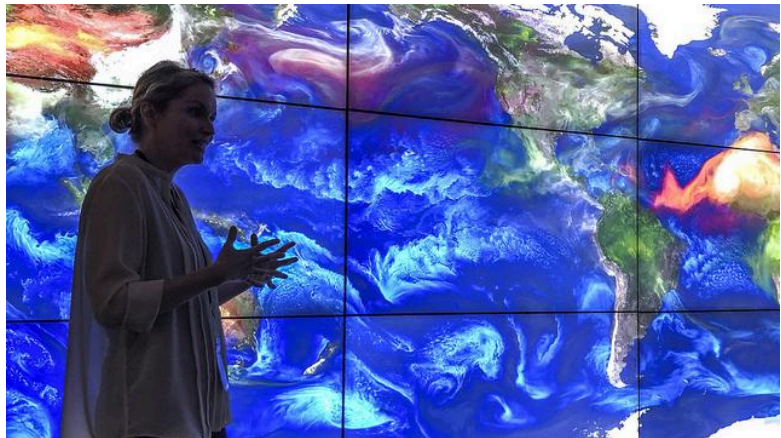
NASA Intern: <https://intern.nasa.gov>:

NASA invites students working towards degrees in journalism, communications, media relations, science writing, convergence journalism, or broadcast journalism to participate in our science storytelling program. You'll gain on-the-job experience as you work with a leading team of writers and multimedia producers to create and share content from NASA's most exciting science missions: mind-bending results

from the Hubble Space Telescope; new views of our surprisingly dynamic moon from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter; stories of our changing planet from NASA's remote sensing satellites, and breaking news from the surface of the Sun. Our internships are designed to give students broad exposure to many moving parts of our busy newsroom. Students wishing to explore the intersection between science writing, broadcast journalism and social media are encouraged to apply.

Interns will collaborate on full-featured communications campaigns as they create web features, newsletter articles, press conferences, videos, media interviews, social media posts, video streams, satellite media tours and video news releases.

Key attributes we look for in our interns: boundless curiosity, a creative spirit, and a passion for sharing engaging stories with diverse audiences. Students with experience or an interest in science will find the internship particularly rewarding. Some of our most successful candidates have been scientists with flair for communications, or gifted communicators with special interest in science.



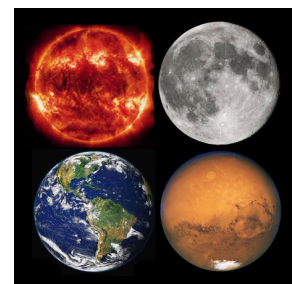
Internship Tracks - most of our internships involve creating content and we offer several internship tracks or focus areas. We can also talk about some spicy combo options in our newsroom. When applying, let us know which of these tracks appeal to you.

- **Writing** - general writing, [science writing](#), writing for internal audiences, collaborating with science writers
- **Social media** - working with our flagship social media team, drafting posts, creating/mashing content, conducting research, reviewing metrics
- **Video and multimedia production** - writing scripts, [creating multimedia products](#), collaborating with producers and animators, producing short video products
- **Spanish language communication** - working with our [Spanish language team](#) to create video, news features, and media interviews for audiences who primarily speak Spanish, this team supports all of NASA
- **Audio storytelling / podcasting** - working with our [Curious Universe Podcast](#) and other audio engagement products
- **Broadcast news** - working with our live team to [schedule and produce live news interviews](#) on major NASA events, this team will be working with the Artemis mission during the spring launch campaign

- **Visitor center and STEM engagement** - working with the [Goddard Visitor Center](#) to enhance experiences for school groups and visitors. The VC is starting to create virtual field trips for visitors.
- **Newsroom** – combination of writing, social media, and internal communications
- **Custom build** - we may be able support spicy custom combinations possibly folding in areas such as info-graphics, animation, strategic communications/partnerships. Dream it, pitch it, do it.



Duties: Writing, editing, recording, pitching, designing, creating, crunching, captioning, surfing, shooting, snapping, streaming, tweeting, feeding, porting, posting, researching, updating, networking, watching, wrangling, texting, tracking, building, playing, mashing and exploring. Candidates interested in writing and social media should be familiar with AP Style. Video and multimedia candidates are expected to be familiar with the entire arc of video production.

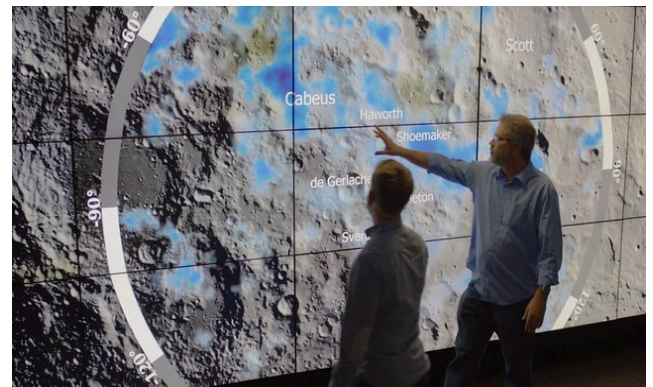


Tips on submitting your application:

- The internship website allows you to apply for all NASA internships from one portal. Unfortunately, this one-stop-shop doesn't provide the NASA mentors with much useful information to help us match students with the positions.



- Resume/Personal Statement, Links - The most important thing for our reviewers/mentors are your resume, cover note or personal statements, and links or examples to some of your work. Consider sending the resume, cover, work samples as a single PDF document. Protip - put your name in the filename of your resume.
- Key Words - You'll also find there are places for key words to describe your area of study or major and it is helpful if students note journalism, communications, multimedia to separate out the many engineering students who have made a couple of social media posts in the past but aren't ready for to work at the level needed to produce public facing content.
- Other requirements - the intern office will need a transcript, a certain GPA, and proof you are a US citizen. Right now they can't support students who are not full US citizens. Sorry about that.
- Apply - once you set up a profile on the internship site, you can find/apply for our internship, and others across NASA. These links should get you directly to the internship descriptions/application but you can also go into [the central site](#) and search (e.g. 2023 summer internships, Goddard/Greenbelt, Science Journalism)
 - [Science Journalism, Social Media, Video News Internship](#). Our flagship internship with multiple tracks.
 - [Audio Storytelling](#): Focus on Audio Storytelling and Curious Universe Podcast
 - [Spanish Language](#): Internship dedicated to sharing our science and human spaceflight work - in Spanish.
- Interviews, selection - we will accept applications right up to the deadline, but early applications are recommended since we will start conducting some interviews beginning in Jan and Feb.
- We expect to take about ten interns this summer.
- Having trouble with the intern site or have questions? Consider sending a copy of your resume/cover/work samples to nasa.science.producers@gmail.com.





Internship Sessions: Our science communication internships are available year round. While we accept applications till the deadlines stated on the intern website, we usually fill a few slots with early applicants. Protip - don't wait till the final day to apply.

- Fall - 16 weeks, starting in late Aug. Selections in May-June
- Spring - 16 weeks, starting in Jan. Selections in Oct-Nov
- Summer - 10 weeks starting, in June, Selections Feb-Mar

Check out this [video about our first virtual summer internship session](#). Video produced by [Mark Edwards](#), Hampton University.





Toasts after the final presentations from the virtual Office of Communications Summer Interns.

Goddard Intern Alums / Blogs - Check a few blogs and posts from some of our intern alums.

Intern Alum: Pablo Ramirez Santiago - Spanish language science journalism internship. We will be hosting Spanish Language focused science communications internships in Spring and Summer.

<http://bit.ly/2oZ6eqnPRamirez>



Intern Alum: Harrison Bach

<https://go.nasa.gov/2KFHQSR>



Liz Wilk: Getting the Picture at Goddard Space Flight Center

Intern Alum: Liz Wilk

<http://bit.ly/2MTdlmj-InternBlog>



Intern Alum: **Kasha Patel**

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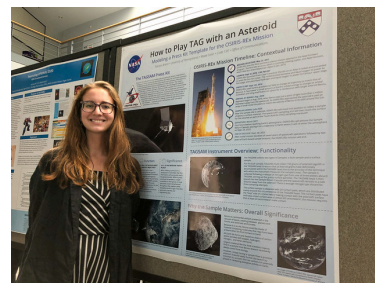
Intern Alums: **Sophia Ryan, Kelly Ramos, Patricia Flores**

<https://go.nasa.gov/2MolY0e>



Intern Alum: **Tamsyn Brann**

<https://go.nasa.gov/2m3mAfN>



Intern Alum: **Katy Mersmann**

<https://www.katymersmann.com>

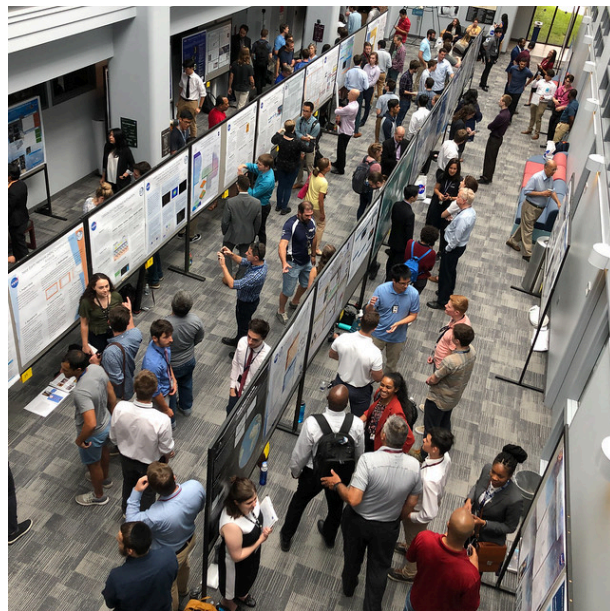


Intern Alum: [Erica Kriner](#)



Intern Alum: [Rose Ferreria](#)







Get to know NASA Goddard:

<https://www.nasa.gov/goddard>

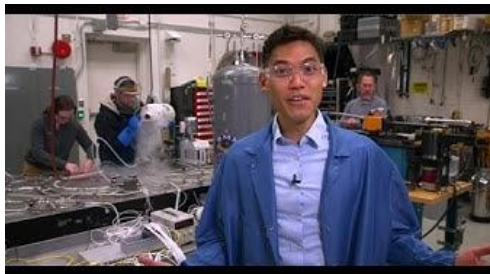
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<https://www.youtube.com/user/NASAexplorer/>

<https://www.instagram.com/nasagoddard/?hl=en>

What does Goddard do? Check out Science Comes Alive at NASA Goddard.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUu-F3KuCvM>

Unofficial Flickr site of our team at work: <http://bit.ly/2SP4wBL>

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