

2017 Undergraduate Research Associates in Astrobiology Program

**The Goddard Center for Astrobiology (GCA)
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771**

The 2017 Undergraduate Research Associates in Astrobiology (URAA) Program is a 10-week residential program for undergraduate students interested in working with scientists whose research adds to the current body of astrobiology knowledge. Each Research Associate (RA) will participate in a specific research program, working directly with one of our Team scientists at Goddard Space Flight Center. The RA will work closely with the mentor to conduct a well-defined investigation, reduce data, and produce an end-of-program presentation. The presentation will demonstrate the knowledge gained over the course of the summer, and will be given in an oral forum during the last week of the program. As a group, the RAs will meet with a different GCA Team member each week to learn more about his/her respective area of research, and to gain a broader view of Astrobiology.

- Housing is paid for by the GCA and is provided by the University of Maryland Resident Life
- Dates of Attendance are May 30 – August 4, 2017 (**must be available for the listed 10 weeks-no acceptions**)
- The stipend is \$5,000 for ten weeks. A modest travel allowance is also provided.
- Foreign National Students must be studying in the United States and must obtain an **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** from their current US University – The GCA does not sponsor Visas or OPTs.

Selection criteria for the Undergraduate Research Associates in Astrobiology include:

- A demonstrated enthusiasm and interest in Astrobiology
- Interest in scientific research
- Letters of reference from two Faculty members.
- Overall academic quality (honors, awards, GPA, etc.)

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- **Essay (stating your interest in Astrobiology and your skills set – no application will be considered without the essay)**
- **Resume**
- **Transcript - needs to be official!**
- **Two letters of recommendation. Each Referee should send an original signed Letter of Reference (as a scanned PDF file) directly to the Program Coordinator (Corinne.M.Eby@nasa.gov)**

APPLICATION FORM
2017 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP IN
ASTROBIOLOGY

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

____/____/____
(month, day, year)

GENDER:

_____ Male _____ Female

(For Housing Purposes Only)

CITIZENSHIP IF NOT US:

Country: _____

Permanent Resident: ___ Yes ___ No

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Phone)

(Email)

CURRENT UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

(University Name, City, State)

(Major)

____/_____
(Earned GPA / Scale)

(Degree)

(Date expected)

RESEARCH INTERESTS: (Refer to <http://astrobiology.gsfc.nasa.gov>) (Please select by theme I, II, III, or IV)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: (Add separate page if necessary)

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

List all other Colleges/Universities you have attended (list those institutions at which you have completed at least one semester full-time or two semesters part-time). Include the location of the institution (city, state) dates of attendance, degree earned, and GPA.

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Signature

Date

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION IS JANUARY 27, 2017**
Any questions, please call 301-286-0120 or Email at Corinne.M.Eby@nasa.gov

Return email or send completed materials to:

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