

Bay Area Environmental Research

NASA Student Airborne Research Program (SARP)

Summer Internship for Advanced Undergraduate STEM Majors Research in the Earth & Atmospheric Sciences from onboard a NASA Aircraft June 18 - August 11, 2017, Southern California

The NASA Airborne Science Program announces the opportunity for highly motivated rising senior undergraduates to participate in an 8-week summer 2017 internship program in Earth system science using its C-23 Sherpa and ER-2 flying laboratories.

The NASA Student Airborne Research Program (SARP) is funded by the NASA Ames Cooperative for Research in Earth Science and Technology (ARC-CREST) and managed by the National Suborbital Research Center (NSRC). SARP 2017 will take place in Southern California with research locations based at the University of California, Irvine and at the NASA Armstrong Aircraft Operations Facility in Palmdale.

Participants will acquire hands-on research experience in all aspects of a scientific campaign, including flying onboard the NASA C-23 Sherpa, a highly-specialized research aircraft used for studying Earth system processes.

Multi-disciplinary Research Projects

Participants will work in four multi-disciplinary teams to study surface, atmospheric, and oceanographic processes. Participants will fly onboard the NASA C-23 Sherpa and assist in the operation of instruments to sample and measure atmospheric gases. They will also use remote sensing data collected during the program from the NASA ER-2 high-altitude research aircraft to image land and water surfaces in multiple spectral bands. Along with airborne data collection, students will participate in taking measurements at field sites.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Application can be found at:

http://earthscience.arc.nasa.gov/nsrc/sarp Email questions to nasasarp@baeri.org Mission faculty and research mentors will guide participants through instrument operation, sample analysis, and data reduction. Each student will develop an individual research project from the data collected and will deliver a final presentation on their results. Many students in the past have gone on to present their research at national conferences.

Academic Background

Applicants must have a strong academic background in any of the physical, chemical, or biological sciences, or engineering and an interest in applying their background to the study of the Earth system. We especially encourage applications from students majoring in Earth, environmental or atmospheric sciences and related disciplines. All participants will receive a stipend, travel costs, as well as housing and transportation during the program.



Applicants will be selected based on:

- Excellent Academic Performance (GPA of at least 3.0/4.0)
- Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics Major
- Evidence of interest in Earth system science and hands-on research
- Leadership qualities and ability to perform in teams