THE 2019 HENRY CLAY INTERNSHIP AT NASA
A Highly Selective Summer Internship Program in Washington, DC
Sponsored by
The Kentucky Society of Washington

About the Program

The 2019 Henry Clay Internship at NASA offers an exceptional opportunity for a highly accomplished student from one of Kentucky's colleges and universities to serve in the Office of the Chief Scientist at NASA. Duties will range based on student experience and interest but will position the intern to have exposure to, and learn about, the most important work being done in space exploration. This internship is in partnership with the NASA Kentucky Space Grant Consortium.

This summer program is generally six to ten weeks and designed to provide valuable mentorship opportunities, unique networking events, and access to a myriad of successful leaders who live on and around Capitol Hill. Among the program’s hallmarks are a strong fellowship between past and current interns and the development of close personal relationships that so often prove very helpful to career planning.

Our internship at NASA was graciously arranged by our 2016 Henry Clay Distinguished Kentuckian Awardee, Prof. Scott Hubbard, Kentuckian and NASA pioneer, who was instrumental in securing this opportunity for a deserving Kentucky college student.

This year, our NASA intern will receive a $8,300 cash stipend to cover travel and living expenses during the internship. The Kentucky Society would like to thank the NASA Kentucky Space Grant Consortium for their support of this program.

Who is Eligible?

The program is open to all students who are residents of Kentucky, enrolled and in good standing at a Kentucky college or university, and who will be a rising junior or senior at the time of the internship. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a citizen of the United States.

Students must have and demonstrate a serious interest in pursuing a career in science.

The Kentucky Society seeks applicants who demonstrate superior academic and intellectual achievements; strong emotional IQ; uncommon maturity; peerless motivation to succeed in personal and public life; strong oral and written communication skills; the ability to work well independently and with others; outstanding trustworthiness and sound judgment; and significant self-initiative.
How to Apply

Applications for the Kentucky Society of Washington’s prestigious Henry Clay Internship at NASA are now being accepted for the summer of 2019.

1. Complete the application form available at the HCI-NASA page. Applications MUST be typed in Arial or Times New Roman 12 point font. Essays MUST be in American Psychological Association (APA) format. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

2. Provide three (3) references using the reference form which is also found at the HCI-NASA page. Two references should be academic and one should come from a non-academic source. If your references prefer to submit their recommendation form independently, they may do so at the link available on the HCI-NASA page.

3. Obtain and provide a certified copy of your college transcript.

4. A complete application package, including your application, three (3) references, and certified college transcript should be submitted via the HCI-NASA page not later than Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Applications submitted as a single PDF are preferred.

For questions, please contact:
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5. Finalists will be contacted either in-person (in Kentucky) or via Skype interviews which will be held in December with selections announced by early January.

A Few Words from Past Scholars

"Not only did the Henry Clay Internship place me and my peers into some of our nation’s most prominent political offices, it also offered incredible support through mentorship and networking opportunities. I learned so much as a result of my direct participation within the legislative process and I gained lifelong friends along the way – this is truly an experience unavailable anywhere else."

- Aleksey Graboviy, 2012 Henry Clay Scholar

"The experience taught me how important relationships are and even more so, how important information is. It also showed me the difference that anyone can make by remaining dedicated to public service. Without the program, many people such as myself could not have afforded to complete an internship so monumental to personal and career development."

- Richie Mathes, 2012 Henry Clay Scholar