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Address			
URL			
Service-Region	Nationwide		
Type	Student Program		
Subjects	General Science Math Earth Science Computer Science Technology		
Level	Undergraduate		
Other-Objectives			
Served-per-Year	Demographics		
Content	<p>The NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program (NASA-USRP) offers undergraduate students across the United States research experiences at NASA Centers. Students may apply for a 10-week summer session or a 15-week spring or fall session. Eligible fields of study are academic majors or demonstrated coursework concentration in engineering, mathematics, computer science or physical/life sciences. At the end of the the session students must submit a paper on their NASA-USRP research experience. Students may also be asked to discuss their research in public forums and/or participate in NASA-sponsored colloquia, workshops and technology demonstrations.</p>		
Outcomes	<p>The purpose of the NASA-USRP is three-fold: · To extend and strengthen NASA’s commitment to educational excellence and university research, highlighting the critical need to increase the Nation’s undergraduate and graduate science, engineering, mathematics, and technology skill base. · To build a national program bridge – from existing NASA K-12 Education Program activities to NASA Higher Education Program options – that encourages and facilitates student interest in future professional opportunities with NASA and its partner organizations. Such opportunities might include NASA career employment, temporary assignment, undergraduate and graduate co-op appointment, Space Grant scholarships and fellowships, or contractor positions. · To attract undergraduate students from the widest array of backgrounds, who are fully representative of America’s racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity and to provide them with hands-on, challenging research experiences that stimulate continued student interest in the fields/disciplines aligned with NASA’s research and development mission.</p>		
Started	Funded-Through		
Length	Ongoing	Cost	
Primary-Funding	Primary-\$		
Materials			
Other-Funding			
How-Assessed			
Best-Practice-Why	<p>The program offers students a chance to see what researchers do at NASA centers. Upon attending the session students will develop a greater skill base and gain a strong technical foundation, through which leadership potential can develop among an academically strong and diverse student population.</p>		
Promising-Practice			
Sponsor	Sponsor-Org		
Sponsor-Phone	Sponsor-Email		
Other-Orgs			