



April 2016

Dear Faculty Sponsor:

Thank you for your interest in identifying and nominating students from your campus for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Student Independent Research Internship (SIRI) Program! To be eligible for SIRI, students must meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA *(This MUST be confirmed by the faculty sponsor before forwarding resumes to JPL).*
- Must be over the age of 18, and must be US citizens or Legal Permanent Residents *(This MUST be confirmed by the faculty sponsor before forwarding resumes to JPL).*
- Must be currently enrolled in a community college or 4-year college/university that is a SIRI partner campus
- Must receive independent study credit for the SIRI experience at the college/university, to be facilitated by the faculty sponsor. *(Please note that for Fall 2016, any faculty member who has the ability to enroll and evaluate a student in independent studies may serve as a faculty sponsor for SIRI.)*
- Must be able to intern for 10-15 hours per week on the JPL premises (no off-lab or online activities are permitted)
- Must be able to commit for one quarter or semester
- Must be willing to participate in bi-weekly intern meetings, and prepare progress plans, reports, and make a final presentation

Please note the following:

- SIRI is an **unpaid** internship experience, and students will **not** receive compensation for travel to and from JPL.
- Students must remain enrolled in their independent study credit hours for the duration of the internship.
- Students may only participate in SIRI for one quarter or semester.
- Fall 2016 internships run for 10-15 weeks, with the earliest start date being September 12, 2016.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACULTY SPONSORS

1. Please direct students the SIRI Fall 2016 "Announcements of Opportunity," which are posted at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/intern/apply/student-independent-research-intern> . Students should read these announcements very carefully to determine which

projects are best aligned with their research interests, skills, and academic background. Students are permitted to apply for a maximum of TWO (2) opportunities.

2. Each student should provide you with a separate electronic resume and copy of their unofficial transcript for each opportunity. The resumes and transcripts should be saved with filenames that contain the student's first and last name, and the AO number. The AO number can be found at the very top of each announcement of opportunity.
3. Faculty Sponsors should nominate students who meet all eligibility criteria and have research interests, skills, and academic criteria that closely match the preferred qualifications listed in the announcements of opportunity. Sponsors may nominate multiple students for the same opportunity. **To nominate a student, please forward resume(s) and unofficial transcript(s) to Roslyn.Soto@jpl.nasa.gov by close of business on May 20, 2016.**

Students are selected for internships by JPL scientists and engineers. Please note that this is a competitive process, and meeting the eligibility requirements for SIRI does not guarantee an internship offer. Offers will be made via email to students on or around June 10th. Sponsors will be notified when an offer is made. Please note that a student may be offered an internship project that he/she did not initially apply to, at the discretion of JPL. Students who receive multiple internship offers will receive information on all projects and given an opportunity to select their preferred position.

If you have questions or concerns about the SIRI program, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone. Thank you for your support of student research experiences!

Sincerely,



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