NASA & WSU
JUMP START PROGRAM
FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Background
Wichita State University (WSU) has a proud heritage of working with NASA. Furthermore, our research and academic activities have always included opportunities for students. The WSU Jump Start Program (JSP) is designed to facilitate new student involvement in NASA relevant projects.

Specific JSP goals include:
• Engaging, highly motivated and qualified, students in NASA relevant projects
• Facilitating opportunities for students to learn by doing
• Helping researchers discover and support good students
• Cultivating students for continued academic and research involvement
• Supporting a friendly environment - particularly for women, underrepresented, and disabled students - to learn and grow within
• Supporting current and future NASA workforce development goals

NASA JSP Details
The JSP funds select students to work with WSU or industry researchers on NASA or NASA-relevant projects. Numerous opportunities reside in the WSU Aerospace Engineering department and the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) – especially in the 7x10-ft Wind Tunnel.

Important NASA JSP guidelines and information are as follows:
• Applicants are selected competitively based principally on maturity, motivation, and potential
• Only US citizen full-time undergraduate students are eligible (preference is given to new or transfer students)
• Applicants must be engineering, science, or mathematics majors
• JSP award numbers vary with available funding and research sponsors
• JSP funds are nominally for one semester (extensions may be possible)
• Participants work 10-20 hours per week, for at least $7.50/hr.
• JSP students assume the responsibility to find an approved researcher to work with (i.e., we provide some funding and you find a “NASA in Kansas” approved researcher to work with)

NASA JSP Application
• Visit the AE web page to download an application and related information.
Submissions are due by the 1st Friday of each new semester.