The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is a coalition of five Virginia colleges and universities—College of William and Mary, Hampton University, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University—the Virginia Community College System, NASA, state educational agencies, and other organizations representing diverse aerospace education and research interests.

A major goal of the VSGC is to help produce the engineers and scientists of the future. While opportunities for careers in aerospace science and engineering fields have expanded, the number of students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) has declined. To encourage talented individuals to pursue STEM and aerospace related fields of study, the VSGC established the Undergraduate Research Scholarship program.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**

**5:00 PM EST**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The Undergraduate Research Scholarship awards can include a $3,000 student stipend during the 2009–2010 academic year and a $3,500 stipend during a summer semester. Students may request an additional $1,000 research allocation for materials and travel to support research activities conducted during the academic year and/or a $1,000 research allocation during the summer. The maximum scholarship award cannot exceed $8,500. Students may request funds for either the summer before or after the academic year. The scholarship program requires students to participate in an active, identified research experience that has aerospace applications. The research activity must be conducted any time during the award period (academic year or summer for a minimum of 10 weeks).

**ELIGIBILITY**

The scholarship program is open to undergraduate students enrolled in a program of full-time study at one of the five Virginia Space Grant universities. A student must be a U.S. citizen and a Junior or Senior during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Eligibility is not limited to science and engineering majors. Students majoring in any STEM field and demonstrating an interest in aerospace, and NASA’s Mission are eligible. Successful scholarship recipients are expected to have grade point averages of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Visit [http://www.vsgc.odu.edu](http://www.vsgc.odu.edu) for more information and to complete the online application.