

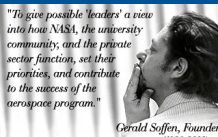
What is NAAA?



The NASA Academy Alumni Association (NAAA) was founded in 1997 by NASA Academy alumni who recognized the program as a life-changing experience. The goal was to work with

the Space Grant Consortium to help further enhance the Academy experience and connect participants from all years and all centers. Given the increasing demand for resumes from NASA Academy participants, we aim to become a professional society, providing resume books to sponsors, travel grants to both members and non-members alike, and hosting an annual gathering of alumni.

What is NASA Academy?



"To give possible leaders a view into how NASA, the university community, and the private sector function, set their priorities, and contribute to the success of the aerospace program."
Gerald Soffen, Founder (1926-2000)

NASA Academy represents an immersive and integrated multidisciplinary exposure and training, for students with various backgrounds and career aspirations of critical importance to the

National aerospace program. It was founded in 1993 at the Goddard Space Flight Center by Gerald Soffen, life-long pioneer and leader in space exploration, research, and education. The curriculum balances opportunities for direct contact with advanced science and engineering R&D and an awareness of the complex managerial, political, financial, and social issues faced by the current aerospace programs.

Objectives

* To make available access to extensive resources at the participating NASA Centers, including their infrastructure, science, technology, and organizational and managerial expertise.

* To provide a unique, intensive, and rigorous educational and training curriculum related to the organization of NASA, its in-house science and technology projects, its collaboration with other national centers, industry, and academia, and its extensive technology transfer programs.

* To facilitate access to valuable information on career development paths, financial support, technical writing standards, intellectual property, etc.

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the NASA Academy Alumni Association is to serve the past and present members of the NASA Academy by promoting communications, fellowship, camaraderie, and an esprit de corps among and between all Alumni.

NAAA Vision Statement:

The NAAA seeks to provide a mechanism to facilitate Alumni participation in programs and projects, both internal and external to the NAAA, that promote NASA and space education, and that communicate the excitement of space exploration and development to the general populace.

SUPPORT THE MISSION OF NASA

SUPPORT FOR NASA ACADEMY

Recruitment, Application Review Committee, Funding

SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS' CAREER GOALS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Soffen Travel Grant, Mentorship

NETWORKING

The Annual Event

The NAAA is a non-profit organization governed by the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; the organization's Federal identification number for reporting and tax purposes is 52-2019594.

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• Support NASA Academy

• Serve the Alumni

• Promote Space Education





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The Annual Event

Each year, NAAA members gather for the Annual Event Meeting (AEM). Often, this event is organized in conjunction with a space-related conference or large scale event such as the World Space Congress or X-Prize Cup. Other times, the meeting takes place near a NASA center. The Annual Event is a small-scale conference and networking event, in which prominent speakers present their research, and local labs provide tours. Members also plan future efforts and events. In the future, we also hope to conduct a career fair. We have had sponsorship in the past; the Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium sponsored the networking social at the 2007 NAAA AEM.



Educational Outreach

Since its establishment in 2002, the Soffen Travel Grant has successfully awarded 10 students with partial funding to present their research at conferences. Over the next several years, the Fund intends to offer its first set of Astrobiology Graduate Fellowships. We like to help raise funds for this grant. Additionally, we would like to be able to offer financial assistance to our own members in need of funding for conference-related expenditures.



Application Recruitment

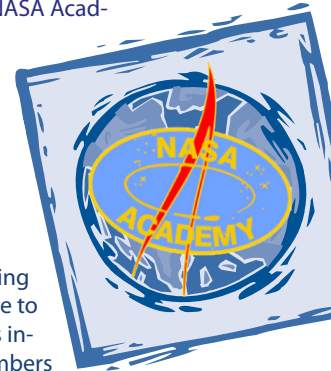
NAAA has conducted annual general and diversity recruitment campaigns advertising NASA summer programs, with a special focus on NASA Academy at GSFC, Ames Research, Marshall Space Flight Center, and Glenn Research Center. General recruitment campaigns target engineering departments at universities across the U.S. and student clubs (e.g. SEDS). The diversity recruitment effort aims to notify the broadest range of qualified students, with a focus on professional organizations designed for minorities in the sciences and engineering, and all students in ESPCoR states.



Supporting NASA Academy

The NASA Academy Application Process

NAAA has conducted annual application recruitment campaigns for summer programs at GSFC and NASA Academy at 4 different NASA Centers. Also, members of the NAAA serve on the application committee for NASA Academy, by reviewing hundreds of applications, conducting phone interviews, and meeting with the NASA Office of Higher Education at GSFC in Greenbelt, Maryland to discuss the most qualified applicants.



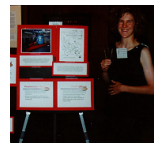
Sponsoring NASA Academy Events

We provided funding for Family Day during NASA Academy at GSFC in 2007 and hope to continue to help fund many more events integral to the program in the future. Members also hope to start a NASA Academy program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA, and we intend to raise funds to assist with this goal.

Soffen Travel Grant

Members administer the Dr. Gerald A. Soffen Memorial Fund for the Advancement of Space Science Education, which awards travel grants to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences or engineering fields to present their research at conferences.

Serving our members



Upon graduating from NASA Academy, most participants either complete their undergraduate education, enter graduate school, or enter the workforce in the aerospace industry. We would like to support our members goals by expanding our fellowship opportunities. Over the next couple years, we hope to provide financial support to members in need of funding for travel to space-related conferences where they can either present their research or learn techniques that would enhance their current research projects.



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