Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) provides Undergraduate STEM Bridge Scholarships of $1,000 to sophomore students from any federally recognized minority group enrolled in a full-time program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) at one of the five Virginia Space Grant university members. Female students who are members of a federally recognized minority group are strongly encouraged to apply.

As a STEM Bridge Scholar, students are welcomed into the NASA pipeline that may ultimately lead to a NASA or Aerospace Sector career. The Undergraduate STEM Bridge Program bridges students to future opportunities by mentoring and guiding them to NASA and STEM-related paid internships and research scholarships. Students are required to attend two informational sessions and to make connections between their coursework, current VSGC scholars and fellows, university faculty and potential research related to the Aerospace Sector and NASA’s mission.

**Benefits:**
- Entrance into the NASA workforce pipeline
- Exposure to STEM-related research to improve preparation for the VSGC Undergraduate Research Scholarship program
- Connections with faculty and students conducting research at your institution
- Access to current information on other scholarships, internships and informational webinars.
- Assistance in preparing applications to NASA and other STEM internship opportunities

**Eligibility:**
- U.S. citizen and a member of a federally recognized minority group (African American, Native American, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander)
- Full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours) at one of the five Virginia Space Grant Consortium member institutions
- Sophomore status during the 2011-2012 academic year
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) major demonstrating an interest in aerospace and/or supporting NASA’s mission
- Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

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Application materials must be received by July 15, 2011.