Virginia Community College Students Continue to Soar with 
STEM Takes Flight NASA Research Experiences

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The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) proudly announces the 2019 STEM Takes Flight NASA Research Experiences for Virginia’s Community Colleges program application is now open. Since 2015, community college sophomores throughout the state have had the opportunity to apply for paid NASA research experiences at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center’s Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore. These research experiences take place over ten weeks during the summer. There are over 20 positions available and all projects are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) oriented.

2018 STEM Takes Flight Program Participants

The STEM Takes Flight NASA Research Experience provides students with real-world, hands-on learning experiences while exposing them to the wide range of STEM career options at NASA. Many of the selected students have utilized the opportunity to attain future internships and/or permanent positions with NASA. The skills and confidence gained from working on projects with NASA researchers have greatly impacted student participants.

Qualified applicants are undergraduate community college STEM majors, including those pursuing technician degrees, who are at least a rising sophomore and not graduating prior to May of 2019. They must be a US Citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a full or part-time student taking a minimum of 6 credit hours. Selected students will receive a $5,000 stipend. Assistance in locating safe affordable housing is provided upon request.

The program is jointly funded by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium and the Virginia Community College System.

The application deadline is February 26, 2019. Learn more and apply online at http://www.vsgc.odu.edu/STEMtakesFlight/