



## Va. Space Grant Offers Scholarships

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) has announced its 2008--2009 Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Through four Scholarship/Fellowship programs, the VSGC awards nearly \$300,000 annually to students attending member universities and Virginia community colleges.

Graduate Research Fellowships are \$5,000 renewable awards (up to three years) of add-on graduate support for students enrolled at a Virginia Space Grant university pursuing any field of graduate study in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) with aerospace relevance (Masters or Doctoral level).

Undergraduate Research Scholarships are one-year, non-renewable support up to \$8,500 for undergraduate students enrolled in a Virginia Space Grant university pursuing any field of study in science, technology, engineering,

or mathematics (STEM) with aerospace relevance and actively engaged in a research project.

Teacher Education Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarships are \$1,000 awards given to students enrolled (Fall 2008) at a Virginia Space Grant university in a track that leads to teacher certification in a pre-college setting. Priority is given to those majoring in earth/space/environmental science, technology education, mathematics, or computer science.

Students may apply during their senior year of high school or sophomore year in community college or in any undergraduate or graduate college year.

Community College Scholarships are \$1,500 awards made to students enrolled at a Virginia Community College, who have completed at least one

semester of coursework and are pursuing a program of study that includes coursework in STEM and showing an interest in a career in aerospace related fields.

The VSGC is also introducing a new online application process. More information about the VSGC Scholarship and Fellowship Program, including a link to the application can be found on the VSGC web site at: <http://www.vsgc.odu.edu/>.

Applications for research awards are due February 11, 2008 while applications for community college and teacher education awards are due February 29, 2008.

Please contact either Chris Carter, Assistance Director, at [cxcarter@odu.edu](mailto:cxcarter@odu.edu) or (757) 766-5210 or Nick Koltun, Educational Programs Specialist, at [nkoltun@odu.edu](mailto:nkoltun@odu.edu) or (757) 766-5210, if you have any questions.

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## Wallops Employee Contributes to Nobel Prize Effort

The 2007 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and to former United States Vice President Al Gore, "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

Quite a number of people at Goddard in Greenbelt and at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies in

New York City, contributed to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4).

Also contributing was Wallops employee Robert H. Thomas (EG&G) with the Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences Laboratory Cryospheric Sciences Branch.

He was a Lead Author for Chapter 4 of the Working Group I's Report, Observations: Changes in Snow, Ice and Frozen Ground.

With last year's selection of Dr. John Mather as a Nobel Laureate for Physics, Goddard has now been involved with two Nobel Prizes in the last two years, an accomplishment of which we can all be proud.

For a complete listing of the Goddard employees who contributed to the IPCC report, visit <http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/ipcc/>

The news release on the selection can be found at [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/2007/press.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2007/press.html).

## IT Matters: NOMAD/IT Transitioning

Project Manager Mary Ann Bents will give an update on email services transition to NOMAD that will occur between December 4, 2007 and March 31, 2008. The move from Meeting Maker to the NOMAD calendar service will also be discussed briefly. See Goddard's NOMAD site <https://www.odin.lmit.com/gsfcnomad/>.

Dennis Vander Tuig is the manager of the IT Transition that is assessing and recommending enhancements to how we organize and manage our IT activities at Goddard. You'll learn about the projected schedule and deliverable expectations.

This presentation will be available via VITS in the E-100 Auditorium.

When: November 28

Time: 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

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## Leave Donor Program

We can make another huge impact in 2007 and at the same time help out our fellow employees and their family members during their time of need through the Leave Donor Program.

A list of recipients is available at <https://www.nssc.nasa.gov/portal/site/customerservice/menuitem.ced07e7e93086b0ac89751104dd72749/> scroll down the page and click on the link NASA's eligible recipients. The recipients are listed by Centers.

To submit a leave donation request you may access the automated system through WebTADS. Go to the top upper right corner and click Leave Balance, then go to the bottom left of page under Leave Form Requests and click on Donate Leave within NASA.

For more information about the leave transfer program visit: <https://www.nssc.nasa.gov/portal/site/customerservice/> or call Esther Johnson, at x 66-0023 or email: [Esther.C.Johnson@nasa.gov](mailto:Esther.C.Johnson@nasa.gov)

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## Colors of Fall at Wallops

Photo by Rebecca Powell



## Upcoming Training

### Excavation and Trenching Safety

December 3

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Building E-2 Training Room

Target Audience: Personnel working on construction sites or those who oversee such sites.

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### Electrical Safety Standards Refresher

December 4

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Building E-2 Training Room

Target Audience: Safety, Reliability, Utility, and Maintainability Professionals. Supervisors, electrical design engineers, and anyone working around or with electrical systems.

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### General Industry Safety and Health Provisions

December 4

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Building E-2 Training Room

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### Scaffolding Safety

December 5 - 7

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Building E-2 Training Room

Target Audience: Personnel who work in construction and other work which requires scaffolding.

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These courses are offered at no cost to NASA and contractor employees.

Registration is via SATERN at the following site: <https://satern.nasa.gov/elms/learner/login.do>

For assistance or further information contact Olive Finney at [olive.v.finney@nasa.gov](mailto:olive.v.finney@nasa.gov) or call x2463.

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