NASA Pennsylvania Space Grant announces its 2023 fellowship, scholarship winners

Four graduate students and three undergraduate students from the Eberly College of Science have been awarded research fellowships and scholarships from the Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium (PSGC). They are among 14 graduate students and 9 undergraduate students from Penn State to be honored this year.

For 35 years, the Pennsylvania Space Grant College and Fellowship Program has been working to expand opportunities in Pennsylvania for citizens to learn about and participate in NASA programs by supporting STEM education, training, research, and public understanding while promoting multi-faceted diversity among project participants. The program is one of 52 NASA Space Grant programs across the country that are part of the NASA-run initiative to support educational initiatives in the STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Each year PSGC receives funds from the national NASA Space Grant Project to develop and implement student fellowships and scholarships programs. Through this funding PSGC administers the Graduate Fellowship Program and Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Graduate fellowships

Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships annually provides a one-year fellowship of $5,000 to outstanding Penn State students pursuing graduate study leading to masters or doctoral degrees in STEM fields that promote the understanding, assessment and utilization of space and contribute to NASA’s Mission.
Directorates. In keeping with the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program goals, scholars agree to participate in mentoring or educational outreach activities for a minimum of 10 hours per semester.

2023 fellowship recipients from the Eberly College of Science students are:

- Kallan Berglund, physics
- Clancy McIntyre, biology
- Mary Ogborn, astronomy and astrophysics
- Michael Palumbo, astronomy and astrophysics

Undergraduate scholarships

The Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Scholarship annually provides a $4000 award to full-time undergraduates attending an accredited Pennsylvania college or university for one academic year. The PSGC Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic records who will be juniors or seniors in the fall semester. Students must be U.S. citizens, enrolled in science, engineering, or mathematics and likely to pursue a career in an area of interest to NASA with demonstrated potential for graduate study. In keeping with the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program goals, scholars agree to participate in mentoring or educational outreach activities for a minimum of 10 hours per semester.

Eberly College of Science students who received 2023 undergraduate scholarships are:

- Bellah Barriga, biochemistry and molecular biology major
- Nathaniel Carey, biotechnology major
- Anna Tartaglia, physics and astronomy and astrophysics double major

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