

NASA's Michigan Space Grants Consortium (MSGC) has just announced the next round of request for proposals for Seed Grants, Program Grants, and Undergraduate/Graduate Student Fellowships for the 2017-2018 year for funds totaling about \$300,000.

For over 2 decades, GVSU faculty and students have consistently obtained MSGC fellowships and grants enriching the scholarship and education experience of GVSU students and faculty. Last year, GVSU brought in about \$40,000 that provided fellowships for four undergraduate and two graduate students, seed grants for three faculty members and a K-12 science training and outreach program grant for one other faculty member.

Congratulations to the four Grand Valley students that received graduate fellowships for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 academic years:

2016-17:

- **Emily Kindervator** with mentor, Al Steinman AWRI  
*Pretention in Macatawa Watershed agricultural ditches - \$5000*
- **Nick Gezon** with mentor, Kevin Strychar  
*BLAST to the past: Exploring viral metagenomics in the Great Lakes - \$5000*

2015-16:

- **Anthony Weinke** with mentor, Bopi Biddanda AWRI  
*Understanding lakes using time-series observatory data - \$5000*
- **Nikko Vogel** with primary mentor, Greg Wolffe COMP and co-mentors, Christian Trefftz COMP and Jefferey Ward ENG  
*Numerical model of antenna in Plasma - \$5000*

Those who wish to apply should contact Bopi Biddanda by October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposal/application: [biddandb@gvsu.edu](mailto:biddandb@gvsu.edu) or 616-331-3978. She is available to discuss ideas and issues concerning submission of a proposal, and can guide you to other sources of help at GVSU. Proposals must route for internal GVSU approval by November 4<sup>th</sup>, and be completely ready to submit by November 11<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Your chances of success are maximized when you match your project with the [Vision and Mission of MSGC](#) and the [Strategic Goals of NASA](#).

All applications are online at [www.mi.spacegrant.org](http://www.mi.spacegrant.org) for three categories of fellowships/grants:

1. Fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students who will conduct research mentored by GVSU faculty.
2. Research Seed Grants for staff and faculty members to initiate new lines of scholarly activities.
3. Program Grants to support pre-college education, public outreach and teacher training.

All Deadlines and Award Timelines:

- Contact Professor Biddanda with your intent to prepare and submit a proposal (by October 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Run a draft/outline of proposal by Professor Biddanda (by October 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Work with your mentor to finalize proposal (by November 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Faculty/Staff write proposal, obtain match support letters from the Department/Dean, and initiate proposal approval routing through Office of Sponsored Programs (by November 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Proposals must be complete and ready to submit (by November 11<sup>th</sup>)
- MSGC proposal submission deadline (November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
- Award Notification (End of February 2017)
- Fellowship/Grant period: May 2017-April 2018

See the MSGC website [www.mi.spacegrant.org](http://www.mi.spacegrant.org) for program description and online application.