# Dr. Laurel Salton Clark Memorial Research Fellowship (LSC)

**Applications Open:** November 14, 2016 **Application Deadline:** February 6, 2017 **Award Announcements:** April 7, 2017

## Awards\*:

• 2016-2017 Academic-Year Research: Up to \$5000

**Purpose:** The Dr. Laurel Salton Clark Memorial Research Fellowship Award was established in 2004 in honor of Dr. Laurel Clark, Columbia Space Shuttle astronaut and resident of Wisconsin. The award is granted annually to a promising Wisconsin student enrolled in a graduate or professional degree granting program at a WSGC member institution, pursuing studies in the fields of environmental or life sciences, whose research has an aerospace component. Additionally, the WSGC seeks to support those students who personify the qualities of leadership, intellectual balance, and an ongoing commitment to improving the human condition that were the hallmarks of Dr. Clark's life.

**To Apply:** To apply for this fellowship, you must a) <u>register</u> online, b) <u>apply</u> online, and c) provide two letter(s) of recommendation in PDF format through the online application process or via <u>Email</u> with subject line LSC17\_LOR.

**Application Requirements:** To apply for this fellowship, you must register and apply online at <a href="mailto:spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login">spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login</a> and meet the following minimum requirements:

- U.S. citizen
- Enrolled full-time in, admitted to, or applied to any undergraduate program at a <u>WSGC college or</u> university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (*Proposals that include a GPA of less than 3.0 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis*)
- Above average GRE, MCAT, or equivalent scores
- Research or engineering design in a field related to space or aerospace
- Completed application online (see Supporting Materials Required with Application below)

#### Additionally, applicant must:

- show a broad, balanced set of interests and pursuits outside the field of science.
- demonstrate the qualities of leadership and an ongoing commitment to improving the human condition.

<sup>\*</sup> Based on availability of funds.

The Consortium invites applications for the Dr. Laurel Salton Clark Research Fellowship Award for the 2017-2018 academic year. For consideration, application forms must be complete, and be accompanied by supporting documentation. The Consortium especially encourages applications from members of minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and from those pursuing interdisciplinary aerospace studies in, but not limited to, engineering, the sciences, architecture, law, business, nursing and medicine. Award winners will be chosen based on academic performance, space-related promise, alignment of the proposed work with the purpose of the Award in honoring the legacy of Dr. Salton Clark, and quality of the application.

#### **Current & Past Award Winners**

# **Supporting Materials Required with Application:**

- 1. A two- to four-page proposal containing the following (see <u>Tools & Tips</u> for more information on how to create professional communications):
  - a. A clear, concise statement of the space, aerospace, or space-related research. Include how the independent research, at least in a broad sense, aligns with <u>NASA Directorate</u> or Center goals.
  - b. Tasks, schedules and clearly stated expected results.
  - c. Evidence of previous interest and experience in space-related studies.
  - d. The significance/value of work for the space/aerospace field.
- 2. Complete Academic Resume (see <u>Tools & Tips</u> for more information on how to create a resume)
- 3. One-Page Budget Summary (for your independent research that should be for your sole benefit)
  - a. Provide a brief explanation of any major expenditure items. Any travel or other expenses should be related to your research. You may request living stipends, tuition offsets, supplies and expenses, and similar sorts of funding. WSGC will support travel to and from the Wisconsin Space conference only if expenses are included in the budget proposal. International travel, computers and salary are not allowable expenses under NASA training grants such as WSGC.
- 4. Copies (unofficial are acceptable) of your undergraduate transcript(s)
- 5. Copies (unofficial are acceptable) of your graduate or professional degree program transcript(s), including most recent
- 6. <u>Certification Page</u> (Download, sign, and scan this page for upload)

**Required Letters of Recommendation:** Letter(s) of recommendation may also be emailed to <u>spacegrant@carthage.edu</u>. Subject: LSC17\_LOR.

- 1. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:
  - a. One from an academic advisor or mentor stating his or her willingness to supervise the project.
  - b. One from another faculty member, employer, or aerospace professional familiar with the proposed area of work.

**Award Acceptance Components:** As part of your award acceptance, you will be asked to attend the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August 2017 and submit the following documents to your Grant Management page on the WSGC Grant Application page:

- Award Acceptance Letter
- W9
- Media Release Form
- One-Paragraph Biography
- Professional Photo
- Interim Report
- Present project at the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August
- Submit a Proceeding Paper by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to the Proceedings of the Wisconsin Space Journal

# If you have questions about <u>Dr. Laurel Salton Clark Research Fellowship Program</u>, please contact:

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All awards are fully competitive awards of opportunity in which applications are reviewed by the WSGC Technical Advisory Panel and other experts as needed. Awards are made by the Assistant Director based on recommendations from the Associate Director.