

Opportunity Title: Summer 2026 High School STEM Internship Program: US
Naval Postgraduate School
Opportunity Reference Code: NPS-2026-0003

Organization U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

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Application Deadline 5/1/2026 11:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The Summer 2026 High School STEM Internship Program at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is designed to provide educational and research opportunities for high school students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

What will I be doing?

As an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) participant, you will have the opportunity to explore a federal career and gain a competitive edge as you build and gain knowledge in STEM subject areas as you apply your education, talent, and skills in a variety of settings.

Why should I apply?

Under the guidance of a mentor, you will gain hands-on experience to support your academic and professional goals. Along the way, you will engage in activities and research in several areas. These include, but are not limited to:

- Understanding how to collaborate with team members on research projects
- Developing skills in data collection and analysis
- Deepening understanding of a particular STEM field
- Communicating scientific results through presentations and written materials

Where will I be located?

Monterey, California

What is the anticipated start date?

The Summer 2026 High School STEM Internship Program starts on June 15, 2026.

What is the appointment length?

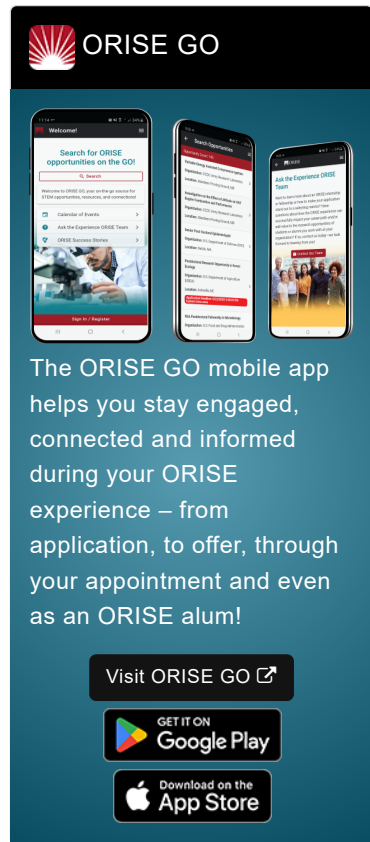
This internship appointment will run for eight contiguous weeks. Interns appointed are expected to participate 40 hours a week during their internship and must be able to participate in the full duration of the internship term. The internship will end with a presentation of your work on August 7, 2026.

What are the provisions?

You will receive a total stipend of \$4,000.00 for this eight-week internship.

About NPS

The mission of the Naval Postgraduate School provides relevant and advanced educational and research experience to commissioned officers of the Naval Service to increase their combat effectiveness and enhance the security of the United States. In support of this mission as well as to sustain academic excellence, NPS and the U.S. Department of the Navy (DoN) foster and



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encourage an academic program of relevant and meritorious naval research. NPS research supports the needs of the Navy and the U.S. Department of Defense while also building the intellectual capital of Naval Postgraduate School. For more information about NPS, visit:

<https://my.nps.edu/>

About ORISE

This program, administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and DoD. Participants do not enter into an employee/employer relationship with ORISE, ORAU, DoD or any other office or agency. Instead, you will be affiliated with ORISE for the administration of the appointment through the ORISE appointment letter and Terms of Appointment. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE. For more information, visit the [ORISE Research Participation Program at the U.S. Department of Defense](#).

Qualifications The Summer 2026 High School STEM Internship Program at the Naval Postgraduate School is open to talented sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are US citizens.

Application Requirements

A complete application consists of:

- Zintellect Profile
- Educational and Employment History
- Essay Questions (goals, experiences, and skills relevant to the opportunity)
- One Recommendation. We encourage you to contact your recommender as soon as you start your application to ensure they are able to complete the recommendation form and to let them know to expect a message from Zintellect. Recommenders will be asked to rate your scientific capabilities, personal characteristics, and describe how they know you. You can always log back in to your Zintellect account and check the status of your application.

If you have questions, send an email to NAVY@orise.orau.gov. Please list the reference code of this opportunity [NPS-2026-0003] in the subject line of the email. Please understand that ORISE does not review applications or select applicants; selections are made by the sponsoring agency identified on this opportunity. All application materials should be submitted via the "Apply" button at the bottom of this opportunity listing. Please do not send application materials to the email address above.

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Point of Contact [Richard](#)

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| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Only |
| Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree: Currently pursuing a High School Diploma/GED.• Discipline(s):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Chemistry and Materials Sciences (12 )◦ Communications and Graphics Design (6 ) |

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- **Age:** Must be 16 years old by 5/31/2026