



**Mars Institute Global Research Internship Program  
General Rules**

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The Mars Institute's Global Research Internship Program (MI-GRIP) is a selective research internship opportunity established to engage academically outstanding undergraduate and graduate students of any origin or nationality around the world in new and cutting edge planetary science and exploration research that will help advance the science, exploration, and public understanding of Mars. The general rules governing the participation of student interns in this program are provided below.

- 1) Each student intern will be assigned, and will report to, an Internship Advisor at the Mars Institute who will direct and oversee the student's research for the duration of the internship.
- 2) Internship research topics are agreed upon between the student intern and his/her Internship Advisor by the start date of the internship. Internship research topics must aim to advance the science, exploration, and/or public understanding of Mars. Internship research topics may focus on the Earth, Terrestrial analogs for Mars, the Moon, the moons of Mars, and interplanetary space, so long as the research is relevant to advancing the science, exploration, and public understanding of Mars.
- 3) Internships are flexible in duration and may be for 1 month to 1 year, with 3 to 6 months as typical durations. The expected duration of an internship is decided upon once the scope of the internship research project has been defined and resources available to support the internship are identified. Internships may also be extended based on progress, mutual desire for more collaborative work, and available resources.
- 4) Each student intern understands that his/her internship and associated tasks, including any support from his/her Internship Advisor, will be carried out or provided on a "best effort" basis given the resources available.
- 5) Internships may involve direct face-to-face collaboration with the Internship Advisor, including mentored fieldwork, or they may involve only remote interactions if direct face-to-face collaboration or travel are not practical.
- 6) Each student intern is expected to interact, and remain in regular contact, with his/her Internship Advisor via email, phone, text messaging, and/or videoconferencing if direct face-to-face interactions are not practical. Each student intern is expected to be proactive in seeking and maintaining frequent and timely communication with his/her Internship Advisor, in particular to inform the Internship Advisor of any significant difficulty and/or delay encountered in the internship research.
- 7) Each student intern will share candidly and promptly with his/her Internship Advisor any concern he/she might have while implementing the internship research, in particular if concerns for any person's health and/or safety arise.
- 8) Each student intern will continue to interact, throughout his/her internship, with his/her academic advisor at the academic institution where the student is actively enrolled, to ensure that the student continues to make excellent academic progress. Although student interns are expected to carry out their internship research projects in a committed way, these projects should not be allowed to become a distraction or detriment to students meeting their academic goals and responsibilities, which should always take precedence.
- 9) Each student intern must seek approval from, and coordinate with, his/her Internship Advisor prior to engaging or interacting with collaborators and/or organizations external to his/her internship research project at the Mars Institute.
- 10) Each student intern is encouraged to present and publish through scientific venues (conferences, scientific publications) the new research data and/or results of his/her internship research, including as the lead author of the research. However, any such release of new research data and/or results must be coordinated in advance with the student intern's Internship Advisor.
- 11) Each student intern is considered to be an integral member of the Mars Institute organization for the duration of his/her internship and is expected to meet the highest standards of ethical conduct. In particular, if, in the course of the internship research, work by others is used, adequate and appropriate permission, acknowledgment and/or referencing is required. Also, each student intern is expected to treat all (lawful) activities and information that he/she may be exposed to at the Mars Institute with appropriate discretion, including after the internship has ended. If, in the course of his/her internship, the student intern becomes exposed to, or aware of, other research being actively planned or carried out outside of the context and scope of his/her internship research project, professional discretion, non-disclosure, and non-replication of this other research is expected from the student intern, including after the internship has ended.
- 12) Each student intern is encouraged to serve as a global ambassador for the Mars Institute's mission, which is to advance the science, exploration, and public understanding of Mars. Each student intern is also encouraged to participate in the Mars Institute's Global Education and Public Outreach activities, including possibly offering public lectures, appearing in media (film, TV, video, radio), and being actively engaged on social media. However, any such activities must be coordinated with the student intern's Internship Advisor. Students interns understand and agree that media representations of their person (still pictures, video footage, etc.) showing them engaged in activities related to their internship may be used and released by the Mars Institute at any time at the Mars Institute's discretion.
- 13) The Mars Institute reserves the right to terminate any internship at anytime for any reason, including for reasons that might not be associated with the student intern's actions or inaction. Any unpublished internship research data or results would remain available and free for the Mars Institute to use at its discretion. The former student intern would also retain the right to use the said research data and results, although any association of the Mars Institute in that use would have to be coordinated with the Mars Institute.
- 14) Each student intern should be aware that these general rules may be amended, updated, or augmented by the Mars Institute at anytime for any reason. The Mars Institute will promptly notify each student intern of any changes. Also, additional Specific Conditions might apply to the individual circumstances of a student intern and/or to his/her internship research project. Student interns should refer to their Letter of Admission for any such Specific Conditions.