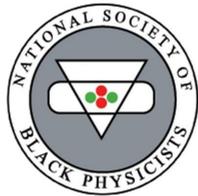


National Astronomy Consortium (NAC)



The National Astronomy Consortium (NAC) is a program led by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) and Associated Universities Inc., (AUI) in partnership with the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), and a number of minority and majority universities to increase the number of students from underrepresented groups and those otherwise overlooked by the traditional academic pipeline into STEM or STEM-related careers.



About the NAC

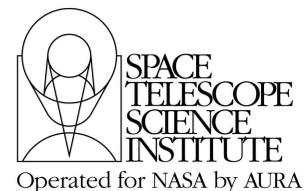
- Generous stipends and travel support for NAC students
- Students introduced to opportunities with NAC partners via GRADMAP & NAC visits/colloquia
- The NAC develops and maintains long term partnerships between minority and majority serving universities and institutions
- The cornerstone of the NAC program is career-long mentoring
- NAC students have opportunities to do research in STEM fields
- NAC students are introduced to education and research opportunities with NAC partners through visits and colloquia
- Summer internships include weekly NAC research meeting, professional development / mentoring meetings, and more!
- A cohort model is used to develop professional relationships and support systems
- In 2016, cohorts were located at NRAO-Charlottesville, NRAO-Socorro, U. Wisconsin, and Space Telescope Science Institute
- Continued research over Fall semester at home institution, with faculty member and NAC mentor in preparation for AAS meeting
- Opportunity to present summer research poster at the winter AAS meeting
- The NAC experience is year-long, and includes monthly, virtual 'hangouts'

Learn more about the NAC at:
go.nrao.edu/nac

Research opportunities at world-class institutions, including:



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



Timeline

NOV 1, 2016-FEB 1, 2017

NAC applications accepted

<https://science.nrao.edu/opportunities/student-programs/summerstudents>

MARCH-MAY, 2017

Student interviews take place, and cohorts are formed.

JUNE-AUGUST, 2017

8-12 week summer research

AUGUST or SEPTEMBER, 2017

NAC Workshop

FALL SEMESTER, 2017

Preparation for Winter AAS Meeting

JANUARY, 2018

AAS Meeting



2016 NAC students and mentors at the NAC IV workshop at Howard University September 9-11, 2016