

NASA DEVELOP – 2025 Summer Proposed Project List (v1. Jan 12, 2025)

NOTE: These project ideas are **tentative** and **subject to change**. This list may be updated throughout the application period.

The DEVELOP summer 2025 term will offer opportunities for in-person or virtual participation, by project. The work environment of the opportunity will be dependent on the project and DEVELOP location. Each location will conduct 1-5 projects for the spring 2025 term.

When selecting your preferred location(s), please pay attention to the type of opportunity selected based on the location and project offers on this document and how that aligns with your eligibility.

In-Person Project Opportunities

Federal Locations (Requires U.S. Citizenship)	# of Projects
AL – Marshall (Huntsville, AL)	1-2
CA – Ames (Mountain View, CA)	1-2
CA – JPL (Pasadena, CA)	1-2
MD – Goddard (Greenbelt, MD)	1-2
NC – NCEI (Asheville, NC)	1
VA – Langley (Hampton, VA)	2-4
Regional Locations (Open to U.S. Citizens & Non-U.S. Citizens)	
CO – Fort Collins (Fort Collins, CO)	1
GA – Athens (Athens, GA)	1
ID – Pocatello (Pocatello, ID)	1
MA – Boston (Boston, MA)	1
PUP – Pop-up Project at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	1
PUP – Pop-up Project at Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)	1
PUP – Pop-up Project at Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ)	1
PUP – Pop-up Project at Hunter College (New York, NY)	1

Virtual Project Opportunities

Locations Hosting Virtual Projects (Open to U.S. Citizens & Non-U.S. Citizens)	# of Projects
AL – Marshall	0-1
CA – Ames (Mountain View, CA)	0-1
CA – JPL	0-1
CO – Fort Collins	0-1
GA – Athens	0-1
ID – Pocatello	0-2
MA – Boston	0-1
MD – Goddard	0-1
NC – NCEI	0-1
VA – Langley	0-1

Notes: virtual projects are open to all candidates (US citizens and Foreign Nationals). Virtual projects continue to be **extremely** competitive.

Proposed Project List by DEVELOP Location

AL – Marshall

- ▶ **Michoacan Ecological Conservation:** Using ECOSTRESS to Assess the Efficacy of Natural Forest as a Cooling Intervention for Avocado Cultivations ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Coosa River Water Resources:** Observing the Effects of Logging on Sedimentation in Coosa River ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Clarksville Health & Air Quality:** Assessing Urban Tree Canopy to Inform Heat Mitigation Strategies in Clarksville, Tennessee ([virtual project](#))

CA – Ames

- ▶ **Florida Keys Ecological Conservation II:** Evaluating Sediment Plumes using NASA Earth Observations to Inform Management Decisions in the Florida Everglades ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Sonoma Coast Climate:** Evaluating Fog Patterns Using Satellite Data to Preserve Redwood Forests ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Project TBD** ([virtual project](#))

CA – JPL

- ▶ **Los Angeles County Ecological Conservation:** Mapping and Identifying Urban Oak Trees in Los Angeles County ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Project TBD** ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Montana Wildland Fires:** Utilizing Solar Induced Chlorophyll Fluorescence to Identify Fine Rangeland Fuels Conditions ([virtual project](#))

CO – Fort Collins

- ▶ **Park County Ecological Conservation:** Mapping Mixed Mountain Shrub Communities to Inform Wildlife Management in Park County, Colorado ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Project TBD** ([virtual project](#))

GA – Athens

- ▶ **Coastal South Carolina Water Resources II:** Mapping Threatened Freshwater Wetlands Near Underserved Communities in South Carolina ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Zimbabwe Ecological Conservation II:** Assessing Effects of Development and Drought on Tree Health to Protect White-Backed Vulture Nesting Sites in Zimbabwe ([virtual project](#))

ID – Pocatello

- ▶ **Northern Minnesota Ecological Conservation:** Exploring Classification of Forest Cover Types in Northern Minnesota Using NASA EO ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Treasure Valley Health & Air Quality:** Analyzing Urban Heat Trends in Response to Rapid Urban Expansion in Treasure Valley, Idaho ([virtual project](#))

MA – Boston

- ▶ **Inland Lakes Water Resources:** Implementing Earth Observation Data to Assess Water Quality in Inland Lakes ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **New Hampshire Health & Air Quality:** Using Earth Observations to Quantify Greenhouse Gas Emissions Produced by Landfills in New Hampshire ([virtual project](#))

MD – Goddard

- ▶ **Sonoran Desert Ecological Conservation II:** Identifying and Mapping Stinknet in Southern Arizona Using Harmonized Landsat and Sentinel Data ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Wilmington Energy Resources:** Evaluating Solar Energy Production Potential in Delaware to Inform Equitable Community Solar Development ([in-person project](#))
- ▶ **Project TBD:** ([virtual project](#))

NC – NCEI

- ▶ **New Jersey Pinelands Water Resources:** Utilizing NASA Earth Observations to Investigate Impacts of Aquifer Withdrawal on Wetlands ([in-person project](#))

- ▶ **Kiowa Water Resources:** Assessing Groundwater Storage and Contamination Risk in Kiowa Tribal Lands (**virtual project**)

VA – Langley

- ▶ **Andes Wildland Fires:** Identifying and Mapping Fire and Drought throughout the Andes to Assess Vulnerabilities and Risks
- ▶ to Prioritize Conservation and Restoration Efforts (**in-person project**)
- ▶ **Oakland Park Health & Air Quality:** Leveraging Earth Observations and Sociodemographic Data to Assess Urban Heat Vulnerability in Oakland Park, Florida (**in-person project**)
- ▶ **Project TBD:** (**virtual project**)

PUP – PUP at University of Michigan

- ▶ **Great Lakes Region Ecological Conservation:** Assessing Wetland Greenhouse Gas Sequestration in the Great Lakes Region Using Earth Observations (**in-person project**)

PUP – PUP at Texas Tech University

- ▶ **Costa Rico Agriculture:** Assessing Agricultural Production in Costa Rica's Biological Corridor with NASA Earth Observations (**in-person project**)

PUP – PUP at Northern Arizona University

- ▶ **Project TBD:** (**in-person project**)

PUP – PUP at Hunter College

- ▶ **Central Park Ecological Conservation II:** Assessing Drought and Tree Health Conditions in New York City's Central Park with Earth Observation Data (**in-person project**)