Background
Wichita State University (WSU) has a proud heritage of working with NASA. Furthermore, our research and academic activities have always included opportunities for students. The WSU Jump Start Program (JSP) is designed to facilitate new student involvement in NASA relevant projects.

Specific JSP goals include:
• Engaging, highly motivated, and qualified new students working on NASA relevant projects
• Facilitating opportunities for students to learn by doing
• Helping researchers discover and support good students
• Cultivating new students for continued academic and research involvement
• Supporting a friendly environment – particularly for women, underrepresented, and disabled students – to learn and grow
• Supporting current and future NASA workforce development goals

Jump Start Program Details
JSP fund select students to work with WSU or industry researchers on NASA or NASA-relevant projects. Numerous opportunities reside, for example, in the WSU Aerospace Engineering department and the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR).

Important NASA JSP guidelines and information are as follows:
• Only US citizens (a NASA requirement) and full-time undergraduate students are eligible (preference is given to new or transfer students)
• Applicants are selected competitively based principally on maturity, motivation, and potential
• Applicants must be engineering, science, or mathematics majors
• JSP award numbers vary with available funding and research sponsors
• Participants work 10-20 hours per week, for at least $10/hr
• JSP students assume the responsibility to find an approved researcher to work with (i.e., we provide some funding and you find a “NASA in Kansas” approved researcher to work with)

Jump Start Program Application
Visit https://www.wichita.edu/academics/engineering/aerospace/WSU_NASA_Jump_Start_Program.php to download application materials or visit the NASA in Kansas office at 113B Wallace Hall. Questions can be directed to NASAinKansas@wichita.edu or (316) 978-3890.

Spring 2019 JSP applications are due by February 8, 2019
(Note: University researchers are invited to visit the NASA in Kansas office for additional information or to potentially engage JSP students in their research.)