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.

NOV 1, 2017-FEB 1, 2018
NAC applications accepted
https://science.nrao.edu/opportunities/student-programs/summerstudents

FEB-MAY, 2018
Student interviews take place, offers made (March 1), and cohorts are formed.

JUNE-AUGUST, 2018
8-12 week summer research

AUGUST or SEPTEMBER, 2018
NAC Workshop

FALL SEMESTER, 2018
Preparation for Winter AAS Meeting

JANUARY, 2019
AAS Meeting

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:

Timeline

2017 NAC students and mentors at the NAC V workshop
September 15-17, 2017