Guidance for Space Grant 2021 Student Nominations for the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) Institute of Teaching and Mentoring Conference – Cohort 3

**Event:** Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) Institute of Teaching and Mentoring Conference

**Dates:** October 28 -31, 2021

**Location:** Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

**Background:** The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring ([https://www.sreb.org/institute-teaching-and-mentoring](https://www.sreb.org/institute-teaching-and-mentoring)) has become the largest gathering of minority Ph.D. scholars in the nation. The Institute is hosted by the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program. This powerful annual conference unites minority and underrepresented scholars, mentors, and faculty members from over 40 states and more than 230 institutions for four days of connecting, teaching, mentoring, knowledge and skill development, and opportunities. The Institute hosts students from other organizations such as Gates Millennium Program, the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, and the National Science Foundation’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP). The conference includes intensive workshops and sessions designed to motivate and prepare participants to earn doctoral degrees, and contribute to academia by becoming faculty members, researchers, and the academic leaders of tomorrow.

**Sponsorship:** NASA Space Grant will once again partner with MUREP to sponsor up to 10 graduate students to attend this powerful conference. Sponsorship includes conference registration, transportation, lodging and some meals. Students must be nominated by their state consortium and will be competitively selected by the HQ Space Grant Program Office based on the criteria below.
Eligibility: Historically underrepresented and underserved graduate students in STEM and students from U.S. Dept. of Education identified MSIs. Each Consortium may nominate up to 3 students. Students may be full or part-time graduate students; however, priority consideration will be given to full-time students.

Nominating Criteria: 1 single searchable and bookmarked PDF for each nominee to include:

- **Nominating Statement (max 1 page):** Letter/statement from the Consortium Director/Associate Director as to why this student would be a great candidate to receive sponsorship.

- **Curriculum vitae (CV) of graduate student (max 3 pages):**
  - Information in CV should highlight NASA aligned research
  - Include contact information (Name, Email and Phone)
  - Identify the Consortium that the student will be representing

- **Statement of interest (1 page):** A first person narrative written by the student applicant that clearly articulates and addresses:
  - Why the student is interested and wants to attend the conference.
  - What the student hopes to gain from his/her attendance.
  - Identified best practices/techniques around mentoring that the student wishes to learn more about to take back to the Consortium.
  - How the Consortium will benefit from the student attending the conference.

Submission: Please submit all nominations to hq-spacegrant@nasa.gov with a CC: to Dr. Erica Alston (erica.j.alston@nasa.gov) with the following subject line:

Subject line: 2021 Space Grant: SREB Nomination – [State abbreviation] Cohort 3

Due Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 by 5pm ET; confirmation of receipt will be sent.

Selections: Early September 2021