DEVELOP National Program

Great Lakes Workshop
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DEVELOP addresses environmental and public policy issues through interdisciplinary research projects that apply the lens of NASA Earth observations to community concerns around the globe. Bridging the gap between NASA Earth Science and society, DEVELOP builds capacity in both participants and partner organizations to better prepare them to address the challenges that face our society and future generations. With the competitive nature and growing societal role of science and technology in today’s global workplace, DEVELOP is fostering an adept corps of tomorrow’s scientists and leaders.

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NASA Centers
- Langley Research Center – Hampton, VA
- Stennis Space Center – Stennis, MS
- Ames Research Center – Moffett Field, CA
- Goddard Space Flight Center – Greenbelt, MD
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory – Pasadena, CA
- Marshall Space Flight Center – Huntsville, AL

Regional & Academic Locations
- Wise County Clerk of Court’s Office – Wise, VA
- Mobile County Health Department – Mobile, AL
- USGS at Colorado State University – Fort Collins, CO
- International Research Institute – Palisades, NY
- University of Georgia – Athens, GA
- Patrick Henry Building – Richmond, VA

International Locations
- Tecnológico de Monterrey Saltillo Campus – Saltillo, MX
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development – Kathmandu, NP
Participants & Projects

Participants: ~350 annually

- 18+ (Currently enrolled college students, recent graduates, and early/transitioning career professionals)
- Interdisciplinary backgrounds (different education, skills, experience level, interests, and age)
  - Majority from Earth science majors (Geography, Environmental Science, etc.)
- Competitively selected through a rigorous application and interview process
- US Citizens & Foreign Nationals*

Projects: ~80 annually

- Conducted during three 10-week terms per year (Spring, Summer, and Fall)
- A project team consists of ~3-6 participants
- Proposals written by/in collaboration with DEVELOP locations, reviewed and approved by DEVELOP NPO and NASA HQ Program Managers

*US citizenship required to apply to DEVELOP locations at NASA Centers
Project Lifecycle

**Science**
- National Science Objectives
- Program Managers
- Science Advisors
- Decadal Survey

**Applied Sciences Program**

**Project Execution**
- Partner with stakeholder
- Identify & collaborate with science advisors
- Create set of deliverables

**Outreach**
- Present at State & Local Public Policy and Science Forums (AGU, AMS, CSG, etc.), and in Virtual Poster Sessions (VPS)

**State & Local**
- Community Demand
- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- Local Policy Makers

**Capacity Built:**
- Future Workforce
- Partner Organizations
- State & Local Governments
- General Public
Project Characteristics

- **Utilize** freely available NASA Earth observations
- **Highlight the capabilities** of NASA satellite and airborne Earth remote sensing science and technology
- Address a **community concern** relating to environmental issues
- **Partner with local, state, federal and/or international organizations** who can **benefit** from using NASA EOS to **enhance decision making**
- Meet partner needs by **providing decision support tools**
- Research is conducted by teams with **diverse backgrounds**
- **Science advisors and mentors** from NASA and partner organizations provide guidance
- All projects culminate in a set of deliverables (technical report, poster, presentation, video, etc.)
Project Deliverables – 10 Weeks

Required Deliverables
✓ Technical Paper
✓ Presentation
✓ Poster
✓ Project Summary
✓ Video & Transcript
✓ Imagery

Optional Deliverables
✓ Brochure
✓ Tutorial
✓ Journal Article
Benefits to Partners & End-Users

- Introduction to new methods to augment current practices: **Cost-saving & time-saving**
- Enhanced **decision support** through use of NASA EOS
- **Increased exposure** to NASA Earth Science technologies and capabilities
- Introduction to **NASA’s Applied Sciences Program** and its contributions to local communities, the country, and the world
- **Hands-on training** with practical applications of remote sensing and NASA Earth science
- Improved remote sensing and geographic information science (GIS) capabilities
- Interaction with bright and **innovative young professionals**
- Opportunities for **networking with the NASA community**
- **Strong recruiting pool** of early career professionals with a knowledge of Earth observations and their capabilities
Lake Champlain Water Resource

Previous Project Example
Community Concerns
- More than 145,000 people rely on Lake Champlain for drinking water.
- During Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), toxins accumulate in aquatic organisms at high trophic levels.
- Algae can overpower native species and provide nutrients for invasive species.

Partners & End-Users
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
- Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Lake Champlain Committee
Lake Champlain Water Resources

Project Outcomes

- Term One
  - Methodology for tracking algae blooms with NASA Earth observations
  - Ten-year time series of algae blooms and sediment in Lake Champlain

- Term Two
  - Analysis of land cover change
  - An evaluation of the change in bloom severity over a decade, compared with environmental factors

Benefit for End-Users

- Consistent, holistic view of the lake
- Visual representation of the relationship between environmental factors and HABs
- Visual tool for influencing public policy
DEVELOP & Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

- Engaged since 2008, 10 projects conducted, including:
  - Great Lakes Disasters: Utilizing NASA Earth Observations to Model Flood Impacts and Erosion Vulnerability in Order to Enhance Flood Mitigation Efforts in the Great Lakes Region (Spring 2013)
  - Great Lakes Water Resources: Using NASA EOS to Monitor Near-shore Storm-water Runoff and its Effects on Water Quality within the Great Lakes to Enhance the Decision Support Tools Used by Policy Makers from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Fall 2012)
  - Lake Michigan Water Resources: Monitoring Nearshore Stormwater Runoff within the Great Lakes (Spring 2012)
  - Lake Michigan Ecological Forecasting: Decision Support for Asian Carp Population Assessment and Management in the Great Lakes (Spring 2011 - Summer 2011)
  - Great Lakes Water Resources & Ecological Forecasting: Land Use Land Cover Change in the Greater Toledo, Ohio Region and Its Affect on Algal Blooms in Western Lake Erie (Spring 2010)
  - Lake Erie Ecological Forecasting: Mapping Algal Blooms and Aquatic Vegetation in Lake Erie (Fall 2009)
  - Great Lakes Water Resources: Mapping Algal Blooms in Lake Erie (Summer/Fall 2008 & Summer 2009)

- DEVELOP regularly attends the GLSLCI Annual Meeting and presents projects highlighting use of NASA Earth observations in the Great Lakes
Partnersing w/DEVELOP

Project Partner (10 weeks)

- Project activity takes place at an established DEVELOP node
  - Partner Provides: Project Idea, Advising
  - DEVELOP Provides: Participants (pay and limited travel), Project Management (NPO)

- Steps forward:
  - Express interest to DEVELOP NPO, complete a project proposal, begin communication with the DEVELOP node that will conduct the project (DEVELOP NPO will make connection)

Interested in partnering with DEVELOP?

- Email interest to:
  - Dr. Kenton Ross, Kenton.W.Ross@nasa.gov
  - Lauren Childs-Gleason, Lauren.M.Childs@nasa.gov
  - Jamie Favors, James.E.Favors@nasa.gov
  - Dr. Christine Lee, Christine.M.Lee@nasa.gov

- Complete the pilot project proposal template & submit by April 18th, 2014 to be included in the fall 2014 term project review process

- Any questions? Contact Lauren.M.Childs@nasa.gov
Thank You

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