About Projects

DEVELOP projects apply Earth observations and remote-sensing technology to application areas that highlight NASA Earth observation capabilities relative to environmental issues for enhanced policy and decision making. These areas include:

- Health & Air Quality
- Disasters
- Water Resources
- Energy
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Urban Development
- Ecological Forecasting
- Agriculture & Food Security

What is an Ambassador?
The DEVELOP Ambassador Corps is an integral part of program recruitment. The Ambassador Corps includes current and past DEVELOP participants who range from currently-enrolled students to graduates and veterans. Ambassadors are enthusiastic about the program and passionate about informing others of the opportunities DEVELOP offers in a variety of ways, including in-person talks, recruitment tables, virtual information sessions, conferences, and social media. DEVELOP Ambassadors are located all across the country, making them a key part of recruitment. Ambassadors serve as the Point of Contact for their respective organization. They volunteer their time on a term-by-term basis and can renew their spots to continue for as long as their efforts can be maintained.

How to Apply
Applicants must be former or current DEVELOPers who are currently-enrolled students, active-duty service members, or veterans. Ambassadors will be selected based on their interpersonal skills, leadership ability, and creativity. Strong public speaking and networking skills are also very important to your success as an ambassador. To apply, fill out an application available on DEVELOPedia and email it to DEVELOP.Communications@gmail.com, or email with any questions.
“It was so great to see the excitement of undergraduate and graduate students when they learned about NASA DEVELOP projects at the GIS event last year. My favorite moment was when a lady wearing a NASA t-shirt came to me and said: ‘Please let me know when and how I can apply. This is my dream job!’ “

Natalia Bhattacharjee
Ambassador from UGA

“I became an ambassador because I wanted to show my classmates the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and give them the same opportunity I was given to participate in the NASA lifestyle through DEVELOP. I was excited to engage my fellow students in the NASA Earth Science community!”

Gregory Halverson
Ambassador from JPL

“The opportunity of being in the Ambassador Corps provided a very valuable experience in communication, collaboration, and leadership. It provided me with an opportunity to share my professional growth at DEVELOP and talk about DEVELOP projects at the recruiting events. The most rewarding part was to see an increase in the number of applicants interested and passionate about Earth Science and remote sensing!”

Shirin Esmaeili
Ambassador from GSFC

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