

## **The Maine Space Grant Consortium**

The Maine Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support a limited number of summer research internships for highly motivated Maine high school juniors and secondary (grade 6-12) teachers for the summer of 2010.

The MERITS (Maine Research Internships for Teachers and Students) Program provides summer research opportunities for highly motivated high school students who are interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers to experience 'real-time' applications of STEM in a research-focused work world at host institutions conducting research and technology development. By doing so, MSGC seeks to expose students to career opportunities in Maine and to provide a direct way by which Maine businesses and research communities can attract young people with high potential for possible future employment.

The teacher component of the MERITS program provides STEM internships for teachers who are interested in broadening their knowledge in STEM as a way to better understand STEM career pathways, help bring new ideas to the classroom and to increase students understanding of and interest in STEM

Since its inception in 1992, MERITS has provided summer internships to hundreds of high school students and teachers at more than 70 businesses and non-profit laboratories across Maine. MSGC took ownership of the MERITS program after a couple of years of hiatus and revamped the program.

We encourage potential applicants to submit a non-binding notice of intent. Applications are due in January.

For more information on this program, and to download the application materials visit our website at <http://www.msgc.org/programs/precollege/MERITS.php> or contact Jana Hall at [jana.hall@msgc.org](mailto:jana.hall@msgc.org)