**NCKRI Communications Internship Program (NCIP)**
Summer 2021

Are you interested in helping to make science accessible and developing your communication skills? The National Cave and Karst Research Institute (NCKRI) and the Cave and Karst Studies (CKS) Program at New Mexico Tech are excited to invite applications for a new science communication internship.

The NCKRI Communications Internship Program (NCIP) is a new partnership between NCKRI, New Mexico Tech, and the Blue Marble Space Institute of Science (BMSIS), and was established in 2021 in honor of the International Year of Caves and Karst (www.iyck2021.org). Over the course of the summer, interns will receive training in science communication as part of BMSIS' Young Scientist Program (YSP), and will work with a NCKRI scientist on one or more projects celebrating cave science. Projects could involve written communication, graphic design, social media efforts, podcasting, or video logging. The program will run from June-August, 2021, with an option to continue into Fall 2021 for an additional stipend.

The program is open to all current NMT undergraduate students. Prospective interns must submit an application to both BMSIS' Young Scientist Program (https://bmsis.org/ysp/) and to NCKRI; if accepted into the Young Scientist Program, NCKRI will provide a stipend of $1000. Interns should expect to dedicate at least 5 hours each week during the 3 months of the program.

**Application deadline:** 5:00 PM Mountain Time, Thursday, April 15th, 2021

## I. Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as a full or part time undergraduate at NMT.
- At least 18 years of age
- Able to dedicate at least 5 hrs per week for the duration of the program

## II. Application Instructions

1) Apply to the Blue Marble Space Institute of Science's Young Scientist Program on the project "Communicating Topics in Earth and Space Science" (https://bmsis.org/ysp/projects/). This project is led by Dr. Graham Lau of BMSIS (grahamlau@bmsis.org). Follow the application instructions on the website and apply by April 15th, 2021. The application consists of filling out an application form, submitting a CV and transcripts, and submitting two (2) letters of recommendation.
2) Submit the following to CaveScienceNMT@gmail.com or via the CKS webpage by April 15th, 2021:
    a. A 1-page personal statement that describes educational and career goals, experiences that motivate those goals, and interest in this program and/or cave and karst science. (1-inch margins, 12 pt. font, single-spaced Times New Roman or equivalent font.)
    b. A current CV (same as for the BMSIS application)
    c. Official or unofficial transcripts (same as for the BMSIS application)

Please direct any questions about this program to Dr. Daniel Jones (daniel.s.jones@nmt.edu), NCKRI Academic Director.