

**Opportunity Title:** Summer 2026 Undergraduate Hypersonics Technology Internship at the Air Force Institute of Technology  
**Opportunity Reference Code:** AFIT-2026-0001

**Organization** U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

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**How to Apply** Click on *Apply* at the bottom of the opportunity to start your application.

**Application Deadline** 2/14/2026 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) is offering an undergraduate internship at Wright Patterson Air Force Base located in Dayton, Ohio.

**What will I be doing?**

As an ORISE participant, you will join a community of scientists and researchers in an effort to conduct research related to all aspects of hypersonic technology. You will be matched to specific projects based on your academic experience and professional interests.

**Why should I apply?**

Under the guidance of a mentor, you will engage in a variety of research activities that may include:

- High temperature materials
- Hypersonic trade studies
- Hypersonic aerothermodynamics
- Hypersonic controls/trajectories
- Hypersonic navigation
- Sensing for detection/tracking.

**Where will I be located?** Dayton, Ohio

**What is the anticipated start date?**

Exact start dates will be determined at the time of selection and in coordination with the selected candidate. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and internships will be filled as qualified candidates are identified.

**What is the appointment length?**

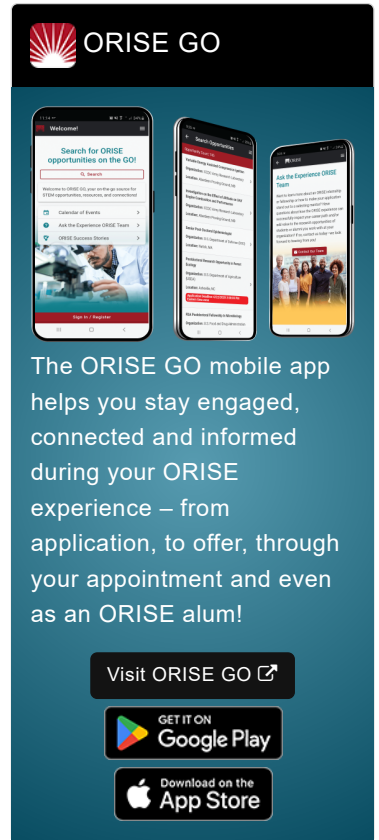
This appointment is a ten-week research appointment, with the possibility to be renewed for additional research periods. Appointments may be extended depending on funding availability, project assignment, program rules, and availability of the participant.

**What are the appointment provisions?**

You will receive a stipend to be determined by AFIT. Stipends are typically based on a participant's academic standing, discipline, experience, and research facility location. Other provisions may include the following:


- Health Insurance Supplement (*Participants are eligible to purchase health insurance through ORISE*)
- Relocation Allowance
- Training and Travel Allowance


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The Air Force Institute of Technology, or AFIT, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is the Air Force's graduate school of engineering and management as well as its institution for technical professional continuing education. A component of Air University and Air Education and Training Command, AFIT is committed to providing defense-focused graduate and professional continuing education and research to sustain the technological supremacy of America's air, space and cyber forces.

#### About ORISE

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**Qualifications** The qualified candidate will be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Highly competitive applicants will have education and/or experience in one or more of the following:

- A solid academic background in a research area that aligns with at least one of those described in the project description above
- A strong interest in furthering their STEM education at the graduate level

#### Application Requirements

A complete application consists of:

- Zintellect Profile
- Educational and Employment History
- Essay Questions (goals, experiences, and skills relevant to the opportunity)
- Resume (PDF)
- Transcripts/Academic Records - Please upload a copy of a transcript for your current or most recent degree program that meets the disciplinary qualifications of the opportunity. [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.](#)
- One recommendation. We encourage you to contact your recommender(s) as soon as you start your application to ensure they are able to complete the recommendation form and to let them know to expect a message from Zintellect. Recommenders will be asked to rate your scientific capabilities, personal characteristics, and describe how they know you. You can always log back in to your Zintellect account and check the status of your application.

If you have questions, send an email to [AIRFORCE@orise.orau.gov](mailto:AIRFORCE@orise.orau.gov). Please list the reference code of this opportunity [AFIT-2026-0001] in the subject line of the email. Please understand that ORISE does not review applications or select applicants; selections are made by the sponsoring agency identified on this opportunity. All application materials should be submitted via the "Apply" button at

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**Point of Contact** [Leslie](#)

- Eligibility**
- Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
  - **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#) 👁)
    - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([17](#) 👁)
    - **Engineering** ([16](#) 👁)
    - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) 👁)
    - **Physics** ([16](#) 👁)