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NASA Ames to Host International Space University Summer Session

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. - NASA announced on Wednesday that the International Space University Summer Session Program in 2009 will be held at the Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.

Key factors in the center's selection were Ames' location in Silicon Valley, its world-class scientists and its ongoing collaborations with academia and the entrepreneurial space community.

"Our Ames Research Center location will provide the International Space University's diverse student body a rich interdisciplinary curriculum along with the mentorship of NASA's scientists, engineers, and researchers, as well as our academic and industry partners," said NASA's Assistant Administrator of Education Joyce Winterton.

The International Space University was established in 1987 as an institution founded on the vision of a peaceful, prosperous and boundless future through the study, exploration and development of space for the benefit of all humanity. The summer session program is an intense nine-week course for postgraduate students and young professionals.

"This is the first time in the program's history that this prestigious summer session will be held at a NASA center, and I'm very proud that we will have a key role in developing future leaders in the global space community," said Ames Research Center Director S. Pete Worden.

"The selection of NASA Ames Research Center as the site for Summer Session Program 2009 is all the more noteworthy since the competition presented the largest selection of outstanding proposals in the 20-year history of the International Space University. We have no doubt that the students who attend Summer Session Program 2009 will be accelerated on their way to becoming leaders in the space sector," said Dr. Michael Simpson, president of the International Space University.

Approximately 120 students from all over the world will participate in the summer session. An international cadre of distinguished professors will teach the classes. The curriculum covers the major space-related fields, both technical and non-technical, and ranges from engineering, physical sciences and satellite applications to life sciences, policy, management and humanities. The summer session runs from mid-June to August 2009.

With this program, NASA continues its investment in the nation's education programs to strengthen the future workforce of NASA and the nation. Through this and the agency's other college and university programs, NASA will identify and develop the critical skills and capabilities needed to achieve the Vision for Space Exploration.

For more information about the International Space University, visit:

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