

December 2021 Newsletter

Greetings from Your Planetary Sciences Section Leadership!

As we slide towards the end of another year, we get ready for transitions within the Planetary Sciences Section leadership. We want to thank Sam Birch and Ashley Schoenfeld for all their hard work these last two years as our early career and student representatives. Our incoming early career and student reps are Emma Dahl and An Li – welcome!

The AGU Fall Meeting will be upon us in a little over a week. We have a lot of great sessions lined up. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one of us. See you soon (either in-person or virtually) at the AGU Fall Meeting!

Michael Mischna, President
Paul Byrne, President-Elect
Jennifer Whitten, Secretary
Sam Birch, past-Early Career representative
Emma Dahl, incoming- Early Career representative
Ashley Schoenfeld, past-Student representative
An Li, incoming-Student representative
Rosaly Lopes, Past President

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

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- ROSES-2021: Rolling Submissions
 - [Several program will transition to No \(Fixed\) Due Dates \(NoDD\):](#)
 - Emerging Worlds (EW)
 - Solar System Workings (SSW)
 - Planetary Data Archiving, Restoration, and Tools (PDART)

- Exobiology (ExoBio)
- Solar System Observations (SSO)
- Planetary Instrument Concepts for the Advancement of Solar System Observations (PICASSO)
- Laboratory Analysis of Returned Samples (LARS)

Upcoming Conferences (all conferences virtual unless otherwise noted)

- **December 13 - 17, 2021:** AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA [Hybrid]
- **December 14 - 17, 2021:** Evolved Stars and their Circumstellar Environments
- **January 10-12, 2022:** Rocky Worlds II, Oxford, United Kingdom
- **January 11-13, 2022:** Low-Cost Science Mission Concepts for Mars Exploration, Pasadena, CA [In person]

Planetary Sciences Announcements/Updates

1. NASA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP – APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2022

The NASA Postdoctoral Program offers US and international scientists the opportunity to advance their research while contributing to NASA's scientific goals. The NPP supports fundamental science; explores the undiscovered; promotes intellectual growth; and encourages scientific connections.

Selected by a competitive peer-review process, NPP Fellows complete one- to three-year Fellowship appointments that advance NASA's missions in earth science, heliophysics, planetary science, astrophysics, space bioscience, aeronautics and engineering, human exploration and space operations, and astrobiology.

Current NPP research opportunities in planetary science can be viewed here: [NPP Planetary Science Research Opportunities](#)

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in hand before beginning the fellowship, but may apply while completing the degree requirements. Please see current [eligibility](#) requirements.

Stipends start at \$60,000 per year, with supplements for high cost-of-living areas and for certain academic specialties. Financial assistance is available for relocation and health insurance, and \$10,000 per year is provided for professional travel.

Applications are accepted three times each year: **1 March**, 1 July and 1 November.

For further information and to apply, visit <https://npp.usra.edu/>.

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