

## Newsletter 17-03

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### SIGN UP NOW FOR CONGRESSIONAL VISITS DAYS IN 2017

Sign-ups for the AAS-sponsored congressional visits days are still open!  
The first opportunity is AAS CVD, which will be held 21-22 March 2017.  
The AAS is extending the deadline for signing up to 30 January.

As always, the AAS hopes to be able to represent the full breadth of the AAS membership! If you're an AAS member (junior members, too) and eligible to vote in the United States, then you should consider signing up for AAS Congressional Visits Day 2017.

The AAS will cover most of your travel expenses for AAS CVD.  
We strongly encourage undergrads, grad students, and postdocs to sign up.

For more information about CVD opportunities in 2017:

<https://aas.org/programs/congressional-visits-day-2017> [1].

There is another opportunity in April (25-26 April) with a sign-up deadline of 28 February that you should also consider. This one will require you to pay for your own travel to and lodging in DC, but it offers a similarly fantastic CVD experience.

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THE DPS COMMITTEE REMINDS YOU TO VOTE IN THE AAS ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote in AAS elections. The DPS is the largest AAS division. Perry Gerakines and Doris Daou are running for the nominating committee that selects candidates for officers and councilors and Karen Meech and Terry Oswalt are running for Councilor.

Balloting closes at 11:59 pm EST on 1 February 2017

[https://vote.aas.org/ballot/ballot\\_view/34](https://vote.aas.org/ballot/ballot_view/34) [2]

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JWST USER COMMITTEE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

STScI is constituting a User Committee for the James Webb Space Telescope. The JSTUC will be drawn from the U.S, Canadian and ESA communities, and will include representatives from the JWST instrument teams. The JSTUC charter is linked here

<https://confluence.stsci.edu/display/STUCP/JWST+Users+Committee> [3].

At this time, STScI is calling for expressions of interest from community members who would like to serve as JSTUC members. Self-nominations

are welcomed. Submissions should include a cover letter and a one-page curriculum vitae summarizing the nominee's relevant background and JWST-related interests, and should be submitted by e-mail to

[jstuc@stsci.edu](mailto:jstuc@stsci.edu) [4]. There is no restriction on citizenship. **Nominations will be considered through February 14, 2017.**

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John Mather Senior Project Scientist, James Webb Space Telescope,  
Goddard Space Flight Center

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PELLAS-RYDER AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT PAPER IN PLANETARY SCIENCES

This award, which is jointly sponsored by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America, is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who is first author of the best planetary science paper published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal during the year prior to the award. Potential topics include: Asteroids, Comets, Craters, Interplanetary Dust, Interstellar Medium, Lunar Samples, Meteors, Meteorites, Natural Satellites, Planets, Tektites, Origin and History of the Solar System.

The first author must have been a registered student at a degree awarding institution at the time the paper was submitted to the publishing journal. Two letters of certification are required: (1) From the student's department head attesting that the individual was

a student at the time of paper submission to the publishing journal;

(2) From the student's advisor detailing the portion of the work done by the student and contributed by others including the advisor.

The deadline for nominations of 2016 papers is January 31. Submissions for consideration should be sent (as PDF documents) by email to: Prof.

James Wray, 2016-2017 PGD Chair, [jwray@gatech.edu](mailto:jwray@gatech.edu) [5]. Further information is available at:

<http://rock.geosociety.org/pgd/pellas-ryder.html> [6]

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Send submissions to:

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