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OPEN POSITIONS AT NASA HEADQUARTERS: PLANETARY SCIENCE  
DIVISION DIRECTOR AND NASA'S DEPUTY CHIEF SCIENTIST

From: James L. Green, NASA Chief Scientist

NASA is now advertising for the Director of the Planetary Science Division in the Science Mission Directorate. The Director is responsible for overseeing the science content and execution of planetary program missions and activities. To find a detailed description of this position and additional information on qualifications and application procedures, please click on the USAjobs link below:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/509092900> [1]

In addition, NASA is now advertising for the Deputy Chief Scientist in the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS). The OCS represents all of the scientific endeavors in the agency, ensuring they are aligned with and fulfill the administration's science objectives. The OCS advises the NASA Administrator and other senior officials on agency science programs, strategic planning and the evaluation of related Investments. To find a detailed description of this position and additional information on qualifications and application procedures, please click on the USAjobs link below:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/507003600> [2]

The vitality of our science programs begins with the best people working at NASA Headquarters, so please take a moment to think about the future of the field and your role in making great things happen for the science community. I encourage you to apply to these fabulous opportunities.

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**EXOPLANET SCIENCE STRATEGY: PUBLIC BRIEFING AND WEBCAST ON 9/5/18**

Is our solar system a cosmic rarity or a galactic commonplace? How do Earth-like planets form and what determines if they are habitable? Is there life on other worlds? At the request of NASA and Congress, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine appointed a committee to develop a science strategy for the study of extrasolar planets and survey the status of the field in preparation for the next decadal survey. In this public briefing, study committee members will discuss their findings and recommendations and take questions from the audience.

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 1-2pm EDT

Location: National Academy of Sciences Building, Lecture Room  
2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC, 20418

For more information and to register to attend go to : <http://exoplanetscience.eventbrite.com> [3]

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**OPENINGS ON THE DPS PROFESSIONAL CULTURE AND CLIMATE SUBCOMMITTEE**

The DPS Professional Culture and Climate Subcommittee (PCCS) is soliciting for new members to start at the 2018 DPS meetings. The PCCS's mission is "To consider and recommend actions that the DPS Committee can take to promote a broadly inclusive professional community characterized by respect, honesty, and trust, so that people of diverse backgrounds are - and perceive

themselves to be – safe, welcome and enabled”

(<https://dps.aas.org/content/charge-professional-culture-and-climate-subcommittee> [4]).

The typically time commitment involves every other week telecons.

If interested, please contact Julie Rathbun ([rathbun@psi](mailto:rathbun@psi) [5]) by September 14th.

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**REMINDER: DPS DEPENDENT CARE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING**

The DPS's Susan Niebur Professional Development Fund provides financial assistance to qualifying members in order to facilitate their meeting attendance by offsetting costs for child care, elder care, spousal care, etc. at the meeting location or at home during the DPS conference.

The deadline for applications is September 15, 2018!

Apply through the link from the DPS Meeting home page, or here

(<https://dps.aas.org/development/dps-dependent-care-grant-application> [6]).

Mark Gurwell, DPS Professional Development Subcommittee member

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DPS WORKSHOP ON PROPOSAL WRITING**

The success of scientists depends upon their ability to obtain funding. Using Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) from NASA as a primary example, this workshop will focus on teaching the audience key points to writing a successful proposal.

Topics to be covered include:

8:00-8:15- General introduction and welcome

8:15-9:15- Proposal lifecycle, guidance on writing for specific audiences, compliance checklist

9:15-9:30: Break

9:30-10:30- Evaluation criteria, the review process, programmatic balance, debriefs and appeals,  
and making changes to address review concerns

10:30-11:00- General wrap up and group Q&A

11:00-11:30- One-on-One Q&A as needed.

Proposal Writing Workshops help early career scientists, as well as those looking to improve their previous proposal performance. As a result of this session, participants will be able to understand the proposal writing, reviewing, and selection process for federally funded proposals, as well as help those who have previously submitted proposals improve their performance. The workshop will be done in a format that allows for a great deal of audience participation.

The workshop will be Friday, October 26th from 8:00-11:30 AM in room 301B. Participants are encouraged to sign up at the link below by October 15th to ensure they receive all handouts and supplies, however, last minute additions will be welcomed so long as space remains in the room.

Participants are encouraged to bring along previous proposal materials and reviews to go through within the group or for one-on-one Q&A during the workshop. Please contact Dr. Christina Richey ([christina.r.richey@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:christina.r.richey@jpl.nasa.gov) [7] prior 9/18, [christina.r.richey@jpl.caltech.edu](mailto:christina.r.richey@jpl.caltech.edu) [8] after 9/18) with any questions.

Link for signing up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MF3YQNR> [9]

Acknowledgments: We greatly appreciate support for this (and other upcoming workshops) from the NASA TWSC Program.

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COMMUNITY WHITE PAPER ON THE CASE FOR PLUTO FOLLOW ON MISSIONS

A community White Paper on the case for Pluto follow on missions, and most particularly a Pluto orbiter, is now available at: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.07446> [10]

We welcome additional signatories; please reach out to Stuart Robbins ([stuart@boulder.swri.edu](mailto:stuart@boulder.swri.edu) [11]) or Alan Stern ([astern@swri.edu](mailto:astern@swri.edu) [12]) if you are interested.

Thank you for your support of the continued exploration of Pluto!

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