Travel Grants for DPS 53

Underrepresented Minority Communities in Planetary Science Travel Grant Form

The makeup of the planetary science community does not reflect the full diversity of the United States, and in particular Black/African American, Indigenous, and Latinx communities are heavily underrepresented relative to the US labor force population (Rivera-Valentín et al., 2020 [1]). Therefore, the DPS is offering funds to encourage and support participation of students, scientists, and other space professionals who are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. In partnership with the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), awards are available for members of Black/African American, Indigenous, and/or Latinx communities to support attendance at the annual DPS meeting and/or the annual NSBP meeting. The fund is intended to support some travel (when meetings are in person and not virtual) and meeting registration fees, and applicants may also request coverage for society membership fees.

Funds will be awarded in consultation with the DPS PCCS and NSBP. Since the DPS and NSBP have varied registration and membership fees depending on membership category, and since travel expenses vary from person to person, we ask applicants to summarize their funding requests. Since this program is intended to broaden participation in planetary science, those newer to the planetary science community will be given preference. Past awardees may receive awards in subsequent years. Participants in the DPS meeting are not required to submit an abstract to be eligible, do not need to be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and may apply to the Hartmann travel fund [2] as well.

Access the application form at https://dps.aas.org/content/underrepresented-minority-communities-planetary-science-travel-grant-form [3]

Hartmann Travel Grant

A generous contribution from William K. Hartmann, supplemented by member contributions and matching funds from the DPS Committee, has enabled a limited number of student grants to assist participation by early-career scientists at the annual DPS meeting.

***NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DPS meeting will be virtual this year. Hartmann funds, which are usually used to cover travel expenses, will be used this year to support meeting registration for students.***

** Application details are at https://dps.aas.org/meetings/hartmann_travel_grant [2]

Grants are primarily intended for students, but post-doctoral scientists without other means of support will also be considered.

The due date for applications has been extended to September 4th, 2021 11:59 PM, PT.
The DPS Leadership is also soliciting additional contributions from members for the Hartmann Fund. Your tax-deductible gift promotes the careers of our next generation of planetary scientists. Thanks so much for your generosity. Donations may be given through AAS.org [4].

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