

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-Valentin 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 DPS and NSBP involvement, via some DPS or NSBP meeting travel (when meetings are in person and not virtual) and registration fees, and applicants may also request coverage for DPS or NSBP membership fees. **Deadline Friday 05 August 2022.**

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.

In addition to questions about the applicant, there are optional questions related to how applicants are learning of this program and how the application process can be improved. This is the second year of this DPS effort, and we appreciate feedback that will guide continued DPS work to support members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups and increase the diversity and inclusivity of the planetary science community.

Applicant Name: *

Applicant Email: *

Street Address: *

City: *

State/Province: *

Zip/Postal Code: *

Country: *

Institution: *

Advisor (if student):

For Undergraduate Students:

What is your current major? Please describe what excites you about planetary science. Word count limit: 500 words

For Graduate Students and Other Professionals:

Please describe your scientific interests and area of focus and include either a one-page CV or equivalent link/webpage. Word count limit: 500 words

Expenses: *

Please summarize your expected meeting expenses so that we may set an appropriate average funding levels for all awardees. The fund can support some travel costs (for in-person meetings), society membership fees, and meeting registration fees. No word count limit.

Optional: Check all that apply if you identify as: Black/African American

Indigenous

Latinx/Latino

Optional: How did you hear about this fund?

No word count limit

Optional: Since this is a new DPS fund, please tell us how the application process can be improved:

No word count limit

Optional: Attach 1-page resume or CV:

Files must be less than **50 MB**.

Allowed file types: **txt pdf doc docx**.

Will you be presenting at the DPS meeting, or at the NSBP meeting? * DPS
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