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### THE DPS INVITES APPLICATIONS TO NEW FUND FOR UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN PLANETARY SCIENCE

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.

Please see this link to apply; the application deadline is October 13, 2020:

<https://dps.aas.org/content/underrepresented-minority-communities-planetary-science-travel-grant-form>  
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## DPS 2020 STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER RECEPTION

Date: Sunday, Oct. 25

Time: 4 pm Eastern, 3 Central, 2 Mountain, 1 Pacific

Duration: ~1 hour

What: Join us for a pre-conference networking and socializing hour where we will have the opportunity to meet people from our disciplines (and others!). We will have a general discussion of professional development topics, an introduction to the format of the conference, info about virtual jobs board/career center, and a contest for the best virtual background. A huge thanks(!) to our generous sponsor Southwest Research Institute for supporting this event. Sign up is required so that we can plan for breakout rooms and send you information/updates about the event. Please see more details and sign up at <https://forms.gle/rshUeRbMEsk4dVUW8> [2]. The deadline to sign up is right before the event (Sunday October 25 at 4 pm Eastern), but if we get too many people, we may have to cap the attendance, so sign up early! (There's no penalty if you can't attend). We will update the sign up page according to whether spots are still available. The telecon link for the event will be sent to all those who sign up and will also be posted on the detailed schedule for the DPS meeting (not the block schedule). Please do not post the telecon link in a public place. For any questions please contact Maya Yanez at [mdyanez@usc.edu](mailto:mdyanez@usc.edu) [3].

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