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NASA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INTEREST IN COMPETING FOR OPERATION OF THE LUNAR AND PLANETARY INSTITUTE

NASA seeks information that may influence the formulation of a solicitation(s) to continue activities operated via a Lunar and Planetary Institute. Over 50 years ago, the National Academy of Sciences recommended the creation of an independent-of-NASA Lunar Science Institute that was renamed the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) in 1978. LPI is not a NASA facility, and it does not share a fiscal identity with NASA nor is it a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC).

Currently, NASA funds an LPI to be located close to NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) and to enable the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) at NASA Headquarters to further NASA's Planetary Science Goals. The purpose of this RFI is to identify entities that have an interest in submitting a credible proposal(s) to carry out the activities-of-interest-to-NASA that are listed in Section 4 of the RFI entitled "Interest in Competing for Operation of the Lunar and Planetary Institute" available at short URL:

<https://go.nasa.gov/RFI22LP> [1]

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CALL FOR DPS PRIZE NOMINATIONS CLOSES THIS WEEK

Deadline: April 15, 2022

Every year the DPS recognizes exceptional achievement in our field. Please consider nominating a respected colleague for one of the annual DPS prizes.

The DPS sponsors six prizes:

The Gerard P. Kuiper Prize [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/kuiper> [2]] recognizes and honors outstanding contributors to the field of planetary science.

The Claudia J. Alexander Prize [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/alexander> [3]] recognizes excellence and achievements by a mid-career scientist.

The Harold C. Urey Prize [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/urey> [4]] recognizes and encourages outstanding achievements in planetary research by an early-career scientist.

The Harold Masursky Award [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/masursky> [5]] recognizes and honors individuals who have rendered outstanding service to planetary science and exploration through - but not limited to - engineering, managerial, programmatic, editorial, or public service activities.

The Carl Sagan Medal [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/sagan> [6]] recognizes and honors outstanding communication by an active planetary scientist to the general public.

The Jonathan Eberhart Planetary Sciences Journalism Award [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/eberhart> [7]] recognizes and stimulates distinguished popular writing on planetary sciences.

DPS members and the planetary science community-at-large are encouraged to submit nominations for DPS prizes.

A complete nomination submitted by the deadline will be considered by the DPS Prize subcommittee for 3 years (i.e. for this year's award, next year's award, and the year after that), or for the duration of a candidate's eligibility, whichever is less. Please fill out the nomination form [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/eberhart#Nomination> [8]], and it will be submitted to the prize subcommittee. The Eberhart Award has different rules and procedures than the other DPS Prizes, please see its page [<https://dps.aas.org/prizes/eberhart-nomination-form> [9]] for more information.

“Software Systems for Astronomy” will again be offered online this year spread over 7 weeks, 05-Jul to 12-Aug, 2022. The course covers the design and implementation of software for telescope and instrument control systems, observation planning tools, and software for analyzing and archiving astronomical data.

<https://astro.uhh.hawaii.edu/ssfa.php> [13]

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HABITABLE WORLDS MEETING IN EDINBURGH

It is now only a few weeks until the close, on April 22nd, of early bird [registration and abstract submission](#) [14] for the inaugural Forming and Exploring Habitable Worlds Meeting taking place in Edinburgh on the week beginning November 7th 2022.

www.habitableworlds.co.uk/registration [15]

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THE XII PAOLO FARINELLA PRIZE IS NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

This year topic is:

Asteroids: Physics, Dynamics, Modelling and Observations

The Prize is part of the Europlanet Society activities and is awarded at the yearly EPSC, that this year will be held in Granada (Spain).

All information about the Prize as well as nomination forms can be found at:

<https://www.europlanet-society.org/call-farinella-2022/> [16]

DEADLINE for nominations is May 1st 2022.

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JOBS, POSITIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Job seekers and employers are encouraged to [browse DPS's job listings](#) [17] and [advertise open positions](#) [18].

Recent openings and opportunities are listed below and many more are at the link above.

A. Tenure Track Position(s), Lowell Observatory

<https://dps.aas.org/content/tenure-track-positions> [19]

B. Planetary Sciences Postdoctoral Researcher, Los Alamos National Laboratory

<https://dps.aas.org/content/planetary-sciences-postdoctoral-researcher> [20]

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Send submissions to: Maria Womack, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aaas.org [21])

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