

# EAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## CONGRATS, KUDOS, COOL STUFF, AND THUMBS UP!

- The EAPS Weekly Newsletter will undergo an overhaul as we move away from PDF format. Stay tuned!
  - More on the [ADA Compliance for Purdue Websites](#).
  - If you have any questions, please reach out to David Siple (dsiple@purdue.edu)
- Congrats to Cauê Borlina for securing FY2026 Significant Sponsored Program Awards Approaching \$1 Million or Greater! You can read the story [here](#).
- Purdue named a top producer of Fulbright scholars for the fifth straight year!
  - Qianlai Zhuang was one of nine faculty members at Purdue to earn the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award for 2025-26. Check out the story [here](#).

- Robin Tanamachi was recently interviewed for a [WRTV article](#), discussing how to encourage kids to pursue a science interest.
- Here's a thumbs up from Jenny Nelson:
  - "Huge thanks to Laura Yocum and Ky Dodd for volunteering at the CICA WG booth during GeoFest at the Indiana State Museum this weekend. Your energy and interactions with visitors made a real difference! It was also great to see and chat with visiting PUGS members—thanks for stopping by and showing your support!"



## NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES AT PURDUE

### EAPS SEMINAR

**Thursday, March 5, 3:30 pm in PHYS 223.** This week's departmental seminar will be presented by Dr. Lucien Nana Yobo, Assistant Professor at Texas A&M and a 2025-2026 Ocean Discovery Lecturer. His talk is entitled "Earth's Fiery Past: Large Igneous Provinces, Anomalous CO<sub>2</sub>, and Their Environmental Impacts." *Interested in meeting with the speaker? Click the link to view the speaker's itinerary and sign up for a meeting spot: [Itinerary and Abstract](#).*

### EAPS UNDERGRAD STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in an EAPS undergraduate research opportunity, [click here](#) for more information.

### **EAPS GRAD STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are interested in an EAPS grad research opportunity, [click here](#) for more information.

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### **EAPS COMMUNITY SOCIAL HOURS**

**EAPS Community Social Hours** will be held on **every Tuesday from 3 – 4 pm** in **HAMP 2201**.

This is a time for folks to come hang out, play Jenga, work in the corner, stare at the wall, make a new plot, don't make a new plot, talk about a new paper or current events, drink a coffee, brainstorm, and just be together.

Note: Occasionally, there might be another department event in the room, so if the 2201 door is shut or looks like something else is going on in there, check with folks in the room or look at the schedule that is posted on the door before barging in.

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### **EAPS CONFERENCE ROOM UPGRADE**

Our EAPS 2173 conference room in the main office is getting a much-needed upgrade this year! We will have three enlarged photos on the west wall in the conference room, and we would like to showcase our own EAPS photos that best represent your main areas. This will be an ongoing project, as we will replace the photos a few times throughout the year.

It can be EAPS field work, or a cool photo you took in your research area. JPG or PNG files would be perfect. Anything high-resolution and crisp will work well, so it prints at the best quality.

Please go to the link below and upload your image(s).

<https://purdue.app.box.com/f/d622339829834490b9a7e45a019f678f>

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### **FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES**

This site provides important information and updates from federal agencies that impact the Purdue University research enterprise.

<https://government-transition.research.purdue.edu/>

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### **DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS - PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Purdue's Defense Civilian Training Corps (DCTC) is a new program that will build civilian careers in the Department of Defense relating to acquisition, digital technologies, critical technologies, science, engineering, finance and more. The Defense Civilian Training Corps is a scholarship-for-civilian service award.

### **STREAMLINE CLIMATE & ATMOSPHERIC DATA ACCESS AT PURDUE**

To better facilitate the atmospheric and climate science research within the Purdue community, RCAC is assessing the interest and current usage of key datasets and models. Our goal is to continue to grow centralized, ready-to-use data repository and pre-installed models in our cluster environment. This will reduce redundancy, streamline access, and optimize both time and resources across research groups. Please take the time to put your input in the survey link:

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3K91QLGCvyrCGwu](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3K91QLGCvyrCGwu)

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### **NASA HUBBLE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Purdue University has been officially named a host site for the [NASA Hubble Fellowship Program \(NHFP\)](#), opening the door for top postdoctoral scientists to carry out independent astrophysics research on campus.

The competitive program is open to applicants who have completed their doctoral degree on or after Jan. 1, 2022. Applications for the next cycle will be announced later.

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### **51 PEGASI B FELLOWSHIP**

Purdue University is proud to be a host institution for the **Heising-Simons Foundation 51 Pegasi b Fellowship**, and we have 17 faculty mentors from the College of Science.

The 51 Pegasi b Fellowship provides postdoctoral scientists with the opportunity to conduct theoretical, observational, and experimental research in planetary astronomy.

The 51 Pegasi b 2025 application is now closed. All applicants will be notified about the status of their applications by early February 2026.

Check out our new website on the EAPS webpage here:

<https://www.eaps.purdue.edu/research/51pegbellowship.html>

You can also email [Alexandria Johnson](#), who is Purdue's institutional contact. For more information, go to the [HS Foundation's website](#).

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### **EAPS SPOTTR COURSE 2026**

EAPS 43500: Severe Storms Field Work is now recruiting! For more details, reach out to Robin Tanamachi or Dan Dawson.

# OUTREACH NEWS

If you or your group has worked with or helped with an activity for K-12 students or teachers, please fill out the [departmental outreach activity form](#).

Check out the latest [STEM Career Highlight!](#)

Board Game night is the third Friday of each month.  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.  
Location: HAMP 2244

## Ongoing:

- Purdue University Kids STEM Degree
- Science From the Expert

See all of our videos on the Superheroes of Science YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SuperheroesofScience>

## Social sites:

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook Superheroes of Science](#)

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# MEETINGS/EXPOS/ OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF PURDUE

## [TAKKEN STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATION TRAVEL AWARD](#)

The Takken Student Research Presentation Travel Award provides women geoscience students with support to present their research at a national or international professional geoscience meeting other than the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA Connects). If you are interested in support for the GSA Annual Meeting (GSA Connects), complete the AWG Sand Student Research Presentation Travel Award application. Please note that the GSA Section Meetings do not qualify for the Takken Award because they are regional, not national or international meetings. If you are in doubt about whether the meeting you plan to apply for qualifies for the Takken Award, contact the coordinator of the Takken Award before completing this form. **This application form is for meetings that occur after February 10, 2026.** Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NEW AWG FIELD CAMP GRANT**

The Association for Women Geoscientists is able to offer a new Field Camp Grant for this summer. **Please note that there is a short application window, with applications due by March 15.** The goal of this grant is to make field camp accessible to students who might not otherwise be able to attend. This is a competitive funding opportunity with a total award pool of \$14,000 USD. Applicants will be ranked, and a maximum of five grants will be awarded. Please spread the word to your organization and anyone you think might be interested. The full announcement and the application form can be found on the AWG website / Awards page at: <https://www.awg.org/page/ScholarshipsandAwards>. If you have any questions, direct them to [fieldcamp-grant@awg.org](mailto:fieldcamp-grant@awg.org).

### **FULLY FUNDED MAT EARTH SCIENCE PROGRAM**

The Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science Residency Program in the Richard Gilder Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City is **looking for graduates with Earth and space science backgrounds, including those graduating in 2026** (geology, mineralogy, paleontology, oceanography, astronomy, environmental geology, and more) who want to make a difference in the world of STEM education. This teaching fellowship combines coursework, mentoring, and real-world experience to prepare Earth and space science graduates for **rewarding careers as culturally responsive middle and high school teachers.**

All degree candidates will receive **free tuition, books, and a \$40,000 stipend** towards the cost of living. In return, candidates commit to teaching in a high-needs school in New York City for two years. With a sole focus on preparing new Earth science teachers, the program is a full-time, 15-month Master's degree program that takes place at the Museum and in urban partner schools. We seek a student body with a passion for social justice and diverse life and career experiences.

**We are currently accepting applicants for the class that will begin in June 2026.** Prospective students are encouraged to attend an Information Session or to contact us for more information. Check out more [program information here](#).

### **EXPLORERS CLUB IMPACT GRANTS**

Fieldwork in the following disciplines will be considered: biological sciences, archaeology, anthropology, paleontology, earth sciences,

ecology, and astronomy, as well as exploratory projects that reveal new knowledge about the planet and its inhabitants, including regions undergoing significant environmental or cultural change. While there may be lab components of a project, grants provide funding for projects that are largely based upon a field expedition. Fieldwork can be rugged and adventurous, but the program will not consider projects purely focused on adrenaline sports or physical feats. Adventure with a purpose, combining adventure with genuine conservation or scientific objectives, will be considered.

Check out their [website here!](#)

### **UCAR STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE**

Check the opportunities website for opportunities at UCAR.

### **POST-DOC OPPORTUNITY - AIR FORCE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FELLOWSHIPS**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine administers postdoctoral and senior research awards at the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), and the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) under the [Air Force Science & Technology Fellowship Program \(AF STFP\)](#).

Seeking highly qualified candidates who are U.S. citizens and hold, or anticipate earning, a doctorate in a variety of fields of science or engineering.

**Application deadline dates (four annual review cycles): February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1**  
Awardees have the opportunity to:

- Conduct independent research in an area compatible with the interests of the Air Force laboratories
- Devote full-time effort to research and publication
- Access the excellent and often unique Air Force research facilities
- Collaborate with leading scientists and engineers
- Awardee benefits:
  - Base stipend starting at \$76,542; may be higher based on experience
  - Health insurance (including dental/vision), relocation benefits, and a professional travel allowance

For detailed program information, to search for AFRL, AFIT, and USAFA Research Opportunities, and to contact prospective Research Adviser(s), visit [www.nas.edu/afstfp](http://www.nas.edu/afstfp).

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### **RECRUITMENT FOR CoCoRaHS**

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is looking for more weather observers throughout Indiana and beyond.

By participating in CoCoRaHS, farmers contribute valuable data that supports better agricultural decisions, weather-related products, and faster recovery during severe weather events.

The application for U.S. participants is at <https://www.cocorahs.org/application.aspx>

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### **LUNAR and PLANETARY SCIENCE CONFERENCE (LPSC)**

March 16-20, 2026  
The Woodlands, TX / Virtual  
[Meeting info](#)

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### **APS GLOBAL PHYSICS SUMMIT**

March 15-20, 2026  
Denver, CO / Virtual  
[Meeting info](#)

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### **INDIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

March 21, 2026  
Indianapolis, IN — JW Marriott  
[Meeting info](#)

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### **37<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE ON HURRICANES AND TROPICAL METEOROLOGY**

March 30 to April 3, 2026  
San Diego/La Jolla, CA / Virtual  
[Meeting info](#)

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### **248<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

June 14-18, 2026  
Pasadena, CA / Virtual  
[Meeting info](#)

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### **AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION 2026**

December 7-11, 2026  
San Francisco, CA / Virtual  
[Meeting info](#)

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE- CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- [Multiple Faculty Positions at the College of Petroleum Engineering & Geosciences](#)
- [Future Faculty in the Physical Sciences \(FFPS\) Fellowship](#) – Princeton
- [Multiple Positions](#) with Enviroforensics
- [Meteorology and Atmospheric Science – multiple positions from various companies](#)
- [AGI Geoscience Job Center – multiple positions](#)
- [Gradient Corp – multiple opportunities.](#) contact [Qian Zhang](#)
- [National Weather Service – multiple opportunities](#)

## **NEWSLETTER INFO**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter is used as the primary information source for current and upcoming events, announcements, awards, grant opportunities, and other happenings in our department and around campus. Active links to additional information will be provided as needed. Material for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to [David Siple](#) **by 5:00 pm on Thursday of each week for inclusion in the Monday issue.**

For answers to common technology questions and the latest updates from the EAPS Technology Support staff, [click here](#). As an additional resource for information about departmental events, seminars, etc., see our [departmental calendar](#).

**\*If your online profile picture on the EAPS website has not been updated, or if you do not have one, please contact David Siple ([dsiple@purdue.edu](mailto:dsiple@purdue.edu)) to schedule a quick photo session.**