

Early Career Participation Options: March 2020

Numerous options exist for those early in their career—i.e., undergraduates, graduate students, and those within 5 years of completing a graduate degree—to contribute to the decadal survey in planetary science and astrobiology (called ‘planetary decadal’ in this document).

Positions at the Space Studies Board

- The National Academies is currently seeking an individual for a full-time position (Ph.D. preferred) which will include work on the planetary decadal and other projects undertaken by the Space Studies Board. Details at https://nas.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/NAS_Careers/job/Keck-Center/Associate-Program-Officer---Space-Studies-Board_R0000649.
- Lloyd V. Berkner Space Policy Internships in the autumn of 2020 and 2021, open to undergraduates or graduates. The application deadline is at the beginning of June (June 5, 2020 and June 4, 2021). Interns will work on multiple projects, including the planetary decadal. This paid internship lasts for a minimum of 10 weeks and no more than 12 weeks. Details are at https://sites.nationalacademies.org/SSB/SSB_052239.
- Lloyd V. Berkner Space Policy Internships in summer of 2021 and 2022, open to undergraduates only. The application deadline is at the beginning of February (February 5, 2021 and February 4, 2022). Interns will work on multiple projects, including the planetary decadal. This paid internship lasts for a minimum of 10 weeks and no more than 12 weeks. Details are at https://sites.nationalacademies.org/SSB/SSB_052239.
- The National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program is open to those who have completed graduate studies in the last 5 years or are currently in graduate school. Applications for 2021 session (January to April 2021) will open in early summer 2020. The program is a full-time hands-on training and educational program that provides early career individuals with the opportunity to spend 12 weeks at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in Washington, DC

learning about science and technology policy and the role that scientists and engineers play in advising the nation. Mirzayan fellows work about 50% of their time at the Space Studies Board and the remaining time is devoted to policy fellowship activities. Details will be available at <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/the-christine-mirzayan-science--technology-policy-graduate-fellowship-program>.

- Note takers (typically graduate students) are selected for meetings of the planetary decadal panels and steering groups. Recruitment will begin once meeting dates have been set. Participants are paid honoraria and must sign a non-disclosure agreement. More information about how to apply to be a note taker will be posted on the planetary decadal website www.nas.edu/planetarydecadal.

General Participation

All members of the community are encouraged to participate in one of our early-career events. The first event, a webinar, hosted by the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), will take place Friday, March 27, 2020 from 2-4 pm ET. Free registration is available [here](#). Additional virtual events will be scheduled and upcoming events will be posted on the planetary decadal website at www.nas.edu/planetarydecadal.

Authoring a white paper on issues and topics related to the planetary decadal statement of task is encouraged. Submission details and white paper formatting specifications are available at www.nas.edu/planetarydecadal.

More information on the planetary decadal, including the statement of task, is available at www.nas.edu/planetarydecadal.