

AAS Committee on the Status of Women

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[We hope you all are taking care of yourselves and each other. Be well! --eds.]
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1. A Message on COVID-19

From: JoEllen McBride and Katie Eckert via womeninastronomy.blogspot.com

We realize this message comes late in the COVID-19 pandemic and there have already been many posts by those more qualified to write about viruses and pandemics. But we wanted to reach out to our community as the virus continues to spread. Like us, you may be worried about your health, the health of your family and friends (near and far), your jobs and research, figuring out working from home potentially on top of caring for children or parents, the general state of the country and the world. We encourage you to do what you need to stay safe.

In this era of social distancing and shelter-in-place orders, we have put below some suggestions for staying connected, keeping engaged, and entertaining children. We welcome your suggestions (please comment below), which we will add to the list below. If you have other concerns, please reach out to [wia-blog AT lists.aas.org](mailto:wia-blog@lists.aas.org).

Read more at

<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2020/03/a-message-on-covid-19.html>

2. 2020 NASA Science Mission Design School Applications Now Due April 13, 2020

From: Leslie L. Lowes [leslie.l.lowes_at_jpl.nasa.gov]

We are extending the deadline and encouraging applications for the NASA Science Mission Design Schools – the 32nd Annual Planetary Science Summer School (PSSS) and the Heliophysics Mission Design School Pilot (HMDS, adapted from PSSS). These are 3-month long career development experiences to learn the development of a hypothesis-driven robotic space mission in a concurrent engineering environment while getting an in-depth, first-hand look at mission design, life cycle, costs, schedule & the trade-offs inherent in each.

Science & engineering doctoral candidates, recent PhDs, postdocs, junior faculty, & certain master's degree students, who are U.S. Citizens or legal permanent residents (& a very limited number of Foreign Nationals from non-designated countries) are eligible. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply.

Learn more about the program at

<http://go.nasa.gov/missiondesignschools>

3. The Gruber Foundation (TGF) fellowship 2020
From: Nancy Morrison [nancy.morrison_at_utoledo.edu]

The deadline for applications for The Gruber Foundation Fellowship 2020, promoting the science of cosmology and other branches of astronomy, is approaching: March 31st.

Learn more about the Fellowship at

https://www.iau.org/science/grants_prizes/gruber_foundation/fellowships/

4. When girls are the shero of the story
From: Maria Patterson [maria.t.patterson_at_gmail.com]

By Google Cloud Blog Team

"Cloud Googler Komal Singh's path has taken her from India to Waterloo, Canada, where she's an engineering program manager working on serverless products. Her 20% project at Google resulted in the publication of her first children's STEM book, [Ara the Star Engineer](#), which follows a young girl who uses coding to tackle big dreams and meets real-life women trailblazers. Her recent [TED Talk, "Recoding Stories at Scale,"](#) talks about exploring technology and AI in creative ways to represent minorities and girls in books in ways that inspire them.

Here, she shares her path to working in technology"

Read more at

<https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/gcp/helping-girls-see-themselves-as-engineers>

5. US national academy pushes to make grants contingent on gender equity
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Chris Woolston

"The US national academy is urging funders to subject institutions to 'equity audits' to increase the representation of women – especially those from minority ethnic groups – in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM)."

Read more at

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00865-0>

6. Women's lives might look very different in the next 3 decades – if we tear down barriers at work
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Rosamond Hutt

"The World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2020 estimates it will take 99.5 years to achieve gender parity at the current rate of progress.

A century is a long time to wait, so, looking to the near future, we asked two experts for their thoughts on what might happen to women's earnings and career opportunities in the next 10, 20 and 30 years.

Here's what they told us."

Read more at

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/women-working-lives-gender-equality-international-womens-day>

7. Job Opportunities

For those interested in increasing excellence and diversity in their organizations, a list of resources and advice is here:

<https://aas.org/comms/cswa/resources/Diversity>

-Astronomy lecturer at UCF

<https://jobs.ucf.edu/en-us/job/498747/lecturer-physics>

-Visiting Assistant Professor, Physics, Albion College (MI)

<https://apply.interfolio.com/75159>

-Termed faculty position at the Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research, Nagoya University

<http://www.isee.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/2020/03/koubo2020-13.pdf>

8. How to Submit to the AASWOMEN newsletter

To submit an item to the AASWOMEN newsletter, including replies to topics, send email to aaswomen_at_lists.aas.org

All material will be posted unless you tell us otherwise, including your email address.

When submitting a job posting for inclusion in the newsletter, please include a one-line description and a link to the full job posting.

Please remember to replace "_at_" in the e-mail address above.

9. How to Subscribe or Unsubscribe to the AASWOMEN newsletter

Join AAS Women List by email:

Send an email to aaswomen_at_lists.aas.org. A list moderator will add your email to the list. They will reply to your message to confirm that they have added you.

Join AAS Women List through the online portal:

Go to <https://lists.aas.org/postorius/lists/aaswlist.lists.aas.org> and enter the email address you wish to subscribe in the 'Your email address' field. You will receive an email from 'aaswlist-confirm' that you must reply to. There may be a delay between entering your email and receiving the confirmation message. Check your Spam or Junk mail folders for the message if you have not received it after 2 hours.

To unsubscribe from AAS Women by email:

Send an email to aaswlist-leave_at_lists.aas.org from the email address you wish to remove from the list. You will receive an email from 'aaswlist-confirm' that you must reply to which will complete the unsubscribe.

Leave AAS Women or change your membership settings through the online portal:

Go to <https://lists.aas.org/accounts/signup> to create an account with the online portal. After confirming your account you can see the lists you are subscribed to and update your settings.

10. Access to Past Issues

<https://aas.org/comms/cswa/AASWOMEN>

Each annual summary includes an index of topics covered.

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