

Dear Colleagues:

The Planetary Science Advisory Committee (PAC) (<https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/nac/science-advisory-committees/pac/>) supports the advisory needs of the Planetary Science Division (PSD). The advisory scope of the PAC includes all aspects of NASA's planetary science program, including scientific research; considerations of the development of near-term enabling technologies, systems, and computing and information management capabilities; and developments with the potential to provide long-term improvements in future mission operational systems. Responsibility for biological planetary protection is outside the purview of the PAC.

Additional information on the PAC can be found in the "PAC 101" presentation, located at <https://science.nasa.gov/solar-system/documents>.

NASA's PSD is extending the invitation for nominations for service on the PAC. Interested members of the community are invited to review the [charter](#) and to submit nominations (including self-nominations) for consideration to fill vacancies on the Committee. There is particular interest this year for nominees with experience/expertise in the following fields:

- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA)
- "Origins"
  - Protoplanetary evolution, outer solar system accretion, origin of Earth and inner solar system bodies
- Circumplanetary systems

The following information is required to be included as part of each self-nomination package:

- (1) a cover email including the name, phone number, full mailing and email address of the Nominee and a statement of why you are interested in the PAC appointment;
- (2) a professional resume (one-page maximum, included as an attachment);
- (3) a professional biography (one-page maximum; included as an attachment);
- (4) an up-to-date Current and Pending Support package (as many pages as needed).

To be considered by NASA, nomination packages from interested U.S. citizens must be submitted via email to the Executive Secretary of the Planetary Science Advisory Committee at [ryan.n.watkins@nasa.gov](mailto:ryan.n.watkins@nasa.gov). Submissions must be submitted as a single package that contains the cover email and both required attachments, and "Planetary Science Advisory Committee" must be included in the subject line of the email. Paper-based documents (hard-copies) will not be accepted.

The deadline for NASA receipt of all public nominations has been extended to **May 10, 2024 at 11:59PM Eastern time**. Self-nomination packages that do not include the four (4) mandatory elements listed above will not receive further consideration by NASA.

The following qualifications/experience are highly desirable in nominees, and should be clearly presented in their self-nomination packages:

- At least 5 years post-Ph.D. research experience including publications in the planetary science field, or comparable experience;
- Demonstrated leadership in scientific, engineering, and/or education and public outreach fields as evidenced by invitation to national and international meetings as speaker, organizer of scientific meetings/workshops, or comparable experience;
- Participation in NASA programs either as a member of a NASA mission science team, grantee in the Research and Analysis program, membership on an advisory/working group or review panels, or comparable experience;
- Demonstrated knowledge of NASA programs in planetary science, including the latest NASA Science Plan (available as a link from <https://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/>) and,
- Knowledge of the latest Decadal Survey conducted by the National Academies or other relevant advisory reports for planetary science.

Nominees from any category of organizations or institutions within the U.S. are welcome, including, but not limited to, educational, industrial, and not-for-profit organizations, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs), NASA Centers, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and other Government agencies. Nominees need not be presently affiliated with any organization or institution. Applicants do not need to be US persons.

This invitation for nominations is to fill upcoming vacancies on the PAC in January 2025. There may also be member vacancies from time to time, and NASA will consider self-nominations to fill such unexpected vacancies as well. Nominees will only be contacted should a vacancy be available, and it is judged that their area(s) of expertise is appropriate for that specific vacancy. NASA is committed to selecting members to serve on the committee based on their individual expertise, knowledge, experience, current/past contributions to the relevant subject area and overall diversity of the committee. These appointments are non-compensated and are not full-time positions.

Successful nominees will be required to attend meetings of the committee approximately three times a year, either in person (NASA covers travel-related expenses for this non-compensated appointment) or via telecon and/or virtual meeting medium. All successful nominees will be required to submit confidential financial disclosure forms and undergo conflict of interest reviews by the NASA Office of the General Counsel before their appointment can be finalized.

Once appointed, successful nominees will be required to complete FACA training and annual ethics briefings. Successful nominees who are not U.S. Government employees will be formally appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs).

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