

PCE3 Newsletter

General Announcements

PCE3 is now also on BlueSky! Follow us [@pce3-sci.bsky.social](https://pce3-sci.bsky.social)

Have something you would like to share with the PCE3 community? Feel free to let us know [here](#).

The **PCE3 Early Career Committee** (ECC) have created a PCE3 Early Career Interests Assessment survey for completion by those of you who are considered in your early career stage. Complete the survey [here](#).

A message from the **Scientific Society for Astrobiology** of America ([SSA](#)):

Dear Colleagues,

If you are an astrobiologist, or are interested in astrobiology, we invite you to join the Scientific Society for Astrobiology (SSA).

The SSA is a professional society dedicated to connection, collaboration, and proliferation of interdisciplinary astrobiology communities. Our members span chemistry, geology, biology, planetary science, astronomy, and related fields, all with a shared goal of advancing our understanding of life in the universe.

The SSA provides opportunities to connect with colleagues across disciplines, foster new collaborations, support the next generation of researchers, and advocate for the future of astrobiology research and exploration. The SSA is a community that prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion and invests in early-career members. It serves as a voice for the astrobiology community, engaging with the public and policymakers to enhance astrobiology's value and impact within U.S. funding agencies and the broader space exploration community.

Membership benefits include:

Networking and professional development opportunities for students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career scientists.

Community events and gatherings at major conferences, including AbSciCon and Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC).

Research travel awards and other support opportunities for early-career members.

Advocacy initiatives to engage with other professional organizations and policy makers.

The SSA is committed to fostering a welcoming environment that values diversity, equity, inclusion, and collaboration. Whether you are a student, early-career researcher, established scientist, educator, or science communicator, we encourage you to become part of our growing community.

If you have any questions regarding the SSA or membership, please contact us at ssaboard@astrobiologyssa.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to the SSA.

- The Scientific Society for Astrobiology Board

Check out the PCE3 Sci. Comm. twitter [here](#) for more updates.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

[EANA 2026 \(European Astrobiology Network Association\)](#)

September 1 - 4, 2026. Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

[Interdisciplinary Origin of Life Meeting for Early Career Researchers \(IOoL2026\)](#)

September 9 - 11, 2026. Tokyo, Japan.

[AbGradCon 2026 \(Astrobiology Graduate Conference\)](#)

September 14 - 18, 2026. Tucson, AZ, USA.

[Origins of Life Meeting @ GeorgiaTech](#)

September 22 - 23, 2026. Atlanta, GA, USA & virtual.

[Diversification of Life Meeting @ GeorgiaTech](#)

September 24 - 25, 2026. Atlanta, GA, USA & virtual.

[Workshop on the Integrated Science of Comets](#)

September 22 - 24, 2026. LPI, Houston, TX, USA.

[European Astrobiology Institute \(EAI\) General Assembly 2026](#)

October 14 - 15, 2026. Strasbourg, France.

[Life and Space 2026 - The Polish Astrobiology Society](#)

December 4 - 6, 2026. Virtual

[AGU2026, American Geophysical Union Meeting](#)

December 11 - 17, 2026. San Francisco, CA, USA & virtual.

Courses & Schools:

[Training school “Mars and the Earthlings: Can we, and should we, go to Mars?”](#)
October 8 - 13, 2026. Obernai (Strasbourg), France.

News

[NASA’s Curiosity Mars Rover Discovers Field of Honeycomb Textures](#)

[NASA Finds New Way Earth May Have Received Elements Needed for Life](#)

[Four-carbon sugar detected in the interstellar medium](#)

[ELSI researcher uses Apollo lunar samples to study early Earth atmosphere](#)

[Alien World Chemistry Found Inside Meteorite That Struck New Jersey home](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Wow! Literary Award for Emerging Writers \(SETI Institute\)](#)

Sept. 10, 2026

[Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research in Astrobiology](#)

Nov. 2, 2026

[NASA ROSES 2025 Solar System Science](#)

Nov. 12, 2026

[Baruch Blumberg Grants in Astrobiology](#)

Nov. 16, 2026

[NSF Chemistry of Life Processes](#)

Career Opportunities

[Postdoctoral Earth and Planetary Sciences Fellowship at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian](#)

Aug. 14, 2026

[Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, UC Riverside](#)

Aug. 17, 2026

[Postdoc Position at Space Research Institute \(IWF\) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Graz, Austria](#)

Sept. 15, 2026

[Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program](#)

Oct. 15, 2026

[NASA Postdoctoral Program](#)

Nov. 1, 2026

[Postdoctoral Investigator at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution \(WHOI\) in Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry Department](#)
