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# TOPS

## June 2023

# Community Panel

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# Agenda – Day Three

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**Welcome!**

We are encouraging people to use  
#ToOPenSci and #IHeartOpenScience





## Submit Feedback or Suggestions

Your inputs are essential to the success of our mission. Throughout this week's panel, please feel free to submit questions, feedback, or suggestions via the feedback tool.

You can use the QR code to access the feedback tool



# TOPS Recruitment and Outreach

**Amanda Adams**  
Transform to Open Science  
Communications Lead





# TOPS COMMS TEAM



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# GOALS

## 01

Recruit 20,000 researchers and scientists to complete Open Science 101 curriculum by 2027. **(KPI-1)**

## 02

Increase awareness of open science principles, highlighting the greater impact of scientific efforts and more equitable access to science results.

## 03

Maintain and evolve the TOPS digital content and community using TOPS repositories and platforms such as GitHub, Jupyter Book, Zenodo.

## 04

Elevate outreach to extended engagement with historically underrepresented groups. **(KPI-2)**

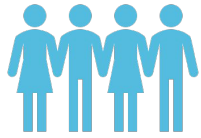
## 05

Engage with the aligned federal agencies and HELIOS institutions participating in a Year of Open Science

# AUDIENCE

## PRIMARY

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### **Future TOPS Community**

Recruitment of potential researchers to take TOPS Open Science 101 and become active members of the community

Goal of 20,000 researchers completed TOPS training by 2023

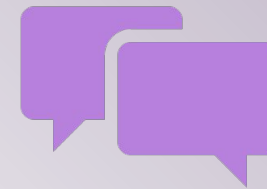


### **Current TOPS Community**

Foster engagement among current researchers and scientists using GitHub and engaging in Open Science

## SECONDARY

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### **Open Science Advocates**

The community that can help tell the story and share the successes and increase awareness of the humanitarian and planetary benefits of open science.

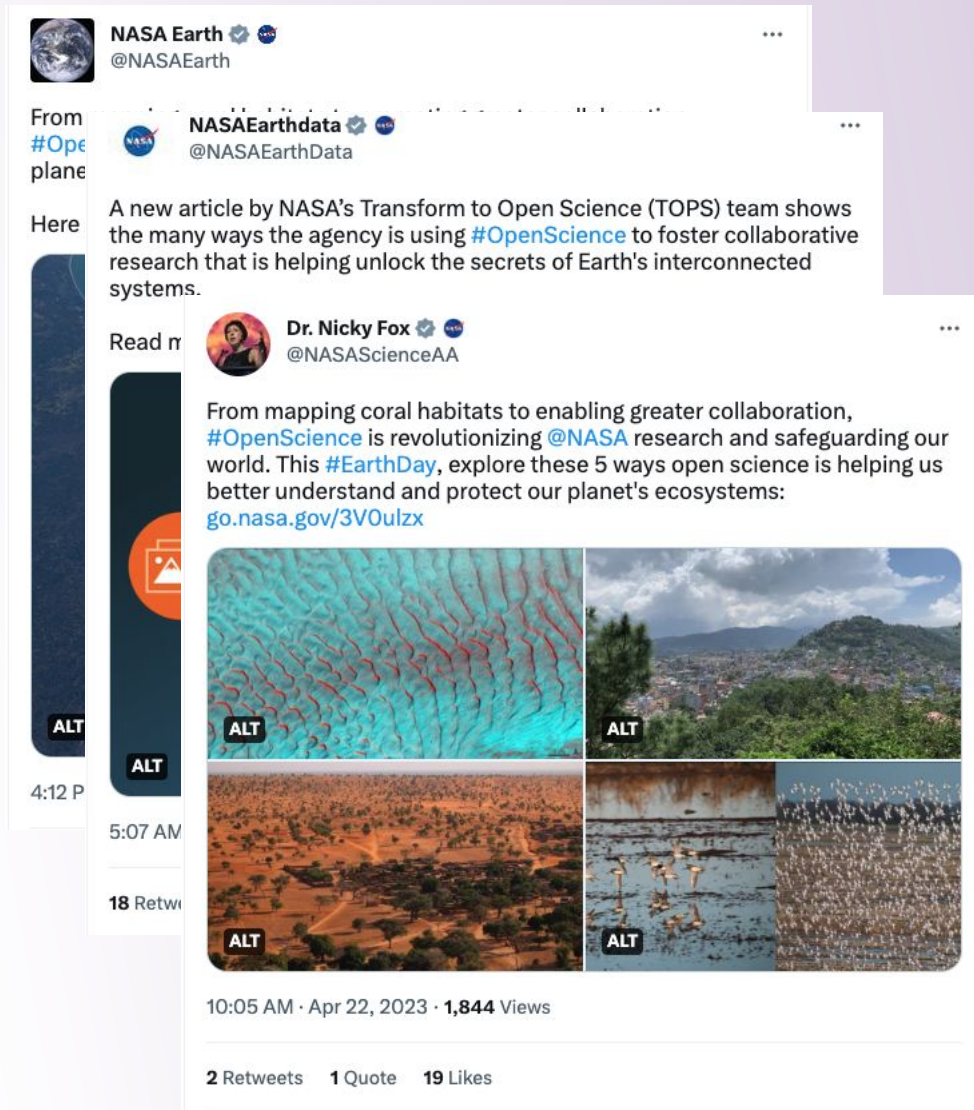


# TACTICS

## Building FUTURE TOPS Community

Future TOPS community members are researchers and scientists who have not yet enrolled in a TOPS Open Science 101 course. TOPS aims to badge 20,000 researchers and scientists in Open Science 101, driven by targeted communications efforts.





The screenshot shows a Twitter thread. The top tweet is from NASA Earth (@NASAEarth) with a profile picture of Earth. Below it is a tweet from NASA Earth Data (@NASAEarthData) with a profile picture of the NASA logo. The main tweet is from Dr. Nicky Fox (@NASAScienceAA) with a profile picture of her. The text of the tweet reads: "A new article by NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS) team shows the many ways the agency is using #OpenScience to foster collaborative research that is helping unlock the secrets of Earth's interconnected systems." Below the text is a link: "go.nasa.gov/3V0ulzx". The tweet includes a grid of four images: a topographic map with red lines, a landscape with mountains and a town, a desert landscape with acacia trees, and a wetland with birds. The tweet has 2 retweets, 1 quote, and 19 likes. The timestamp is 10:05 AM · Apr 22, 2023 · 1,844 Views.

NASA Earth  
@NASAEarth

From #OpenScience  
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Read more

Dr. Nicky Fox  
@NASAScienceAA

A new article by NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS) team shows the many ways the agency is using #OpenScience to foster collaborative research that is helping unlock the secrets of Earth's interconnected systems.

From mapping coral habitats to enabling greater collaboration, #OpenScience is revolutionizing @NASA research and safeguarding our world. This #EarthDay, explore these 5 ways open science is helping us better understand and protect our planet's ecosystems:  
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# Social Strategy

Collaborate with existing NASA social media accounts to promote open science.

- Open science success stories
- Free training opportunities
- Monthly Forums
- Funding announcements
- Features - Ex. Earth Day

# TACTICS

## Strengthening and engaging CURRENT TOPS Community

Current TOPS community members are researchers and scientists who are actively participating in the GitHub community.

1. Sign up for the TOPS Monthly Newsletter to stay up-to-date with the curriculum, TOPS events and more (we are actively migrating this link to a constant contact link, so updated link to come)
2. Join the [TOPS LinkedIn Group](#) and share announcements, news and more with the open science community
3. Engage with other researchers doing open science on the [TOPS GitHub discussion board](#)
4. Follow the [TOPS Blog](#) for highlights and success stories of examples of open science in action
5. Have your own open science success story? We'd love to hear from you! Fill out our [contact form](#) to let us know how you're contributing to open science.



# MEASUREMENT

- Number of researchers enrolling in Open Science 101
- Growth in community via TOPS controlled platforms
- Conference outreach metrics – QR Code
  - Increase attendance in workshops
- Number of registrants subscribing to TOPS newsletter



# 2024 Engagement Strategy

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Project Scientist





## 2024 Recruitment Strategy

**The TOPS goal is to support the science community's transformation towards open science to accelerate scientific discovery while supporting and strengthening NASA SMD's DEIA initiatives and environmental justice work.**

The TOPS team is targeting the general scientific community as well as focusing on underrepresented groups, with a priority audience of anyone that could, or does, receive NASA SMD funding for science activities.

### **TOPS KPIs**

**KPI-1 Support 20K researchers to earn NASA's open science badge**

**KPI-2 Double the participation of historically excluded groups across NASA science**

**KPI-3 Enable five major scientific discoveries through open science principles**



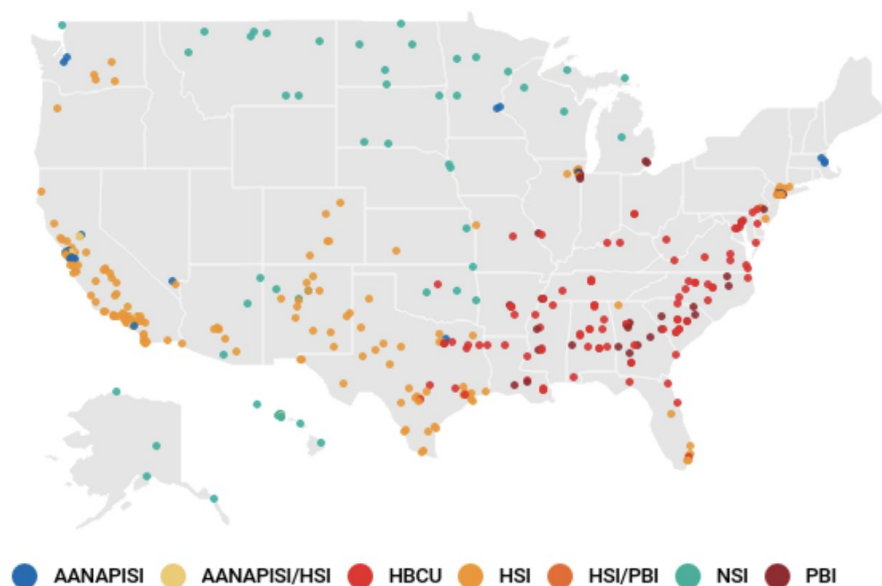
## 2024 Conferences

**The TOPS Team will be more selective with event attendance in 2024, based on expected number of attendees, diversity, and CSDO priorities.**

- Build upon 2023 outreach strategy
- Utilize opportunities where NASA SMD already has an exhibit presence, reducing cost and expanding reach.
  - Hyperwall presentations
  - Network building
- Collaborate with TOPS Champions and TOPS network already attending events by incorporating the TOPS message into their content.

# MSI and HBCU Engagement

Map of Minority-Serving Institutions



- More direct engagement with MSIs and HBCUs
  - Participation in MUREP Road Tours
  - Leveraging geographic distribution of TOPS Champions
  - Focus on early-career researchers and undergraduate students





## Instructor Led Trainings

- Target individual groups previously integrated in NASA science, enabling large numbers of interactions with groups that are mostly supportive of the TOPS mission
  - Data Centers
  - ESRI
  - IMPACT
  - SERVIR
- Online, instructor led public trainings allow for broader participation
  - Virtual sessions led by TOPS Champions
  - TOPST Virtual Cohorts

# Self-paced Online Options



Tools such as the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) allow the curriculum to be available to broader audiences, especially groups without either the ability or institutional prioritization to travel where in-person instruction is available, including:

- Students
- Non-R1 Institutions and Universities
- Commercial entities
- Non-profit organizations

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# HQ DEIA Engagement Strategy

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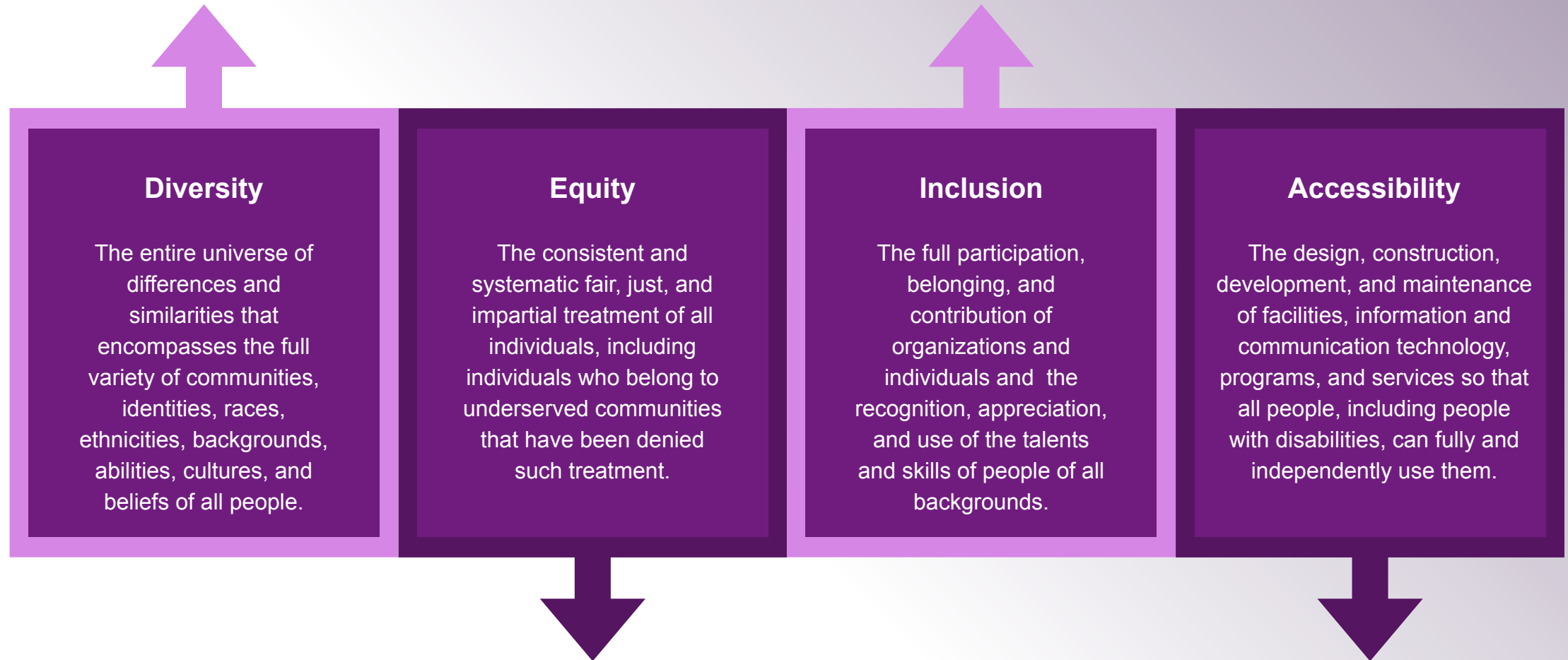
# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

## **NASA's Promise**

NASA is fully committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) for our workforce and within our workplaces. NASA is dedicated to:

- Promoting an environment where people consistently and systematically receive fair, just, and impartial treatment;
- Fostering a culture in which people feel welcomed, respected, included, and engaged; and
- Ensuring people can fully and independently access facilities, information and communication technology, programs, and services

# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility



# TOPS Vision and Mission

## **TOPS VISION**

A future where new scientific discoveries and solutions are enabled by inclusive open science collaborations.

## **TOPS MISSION**

Inspire and empower scientists, researchers, and communities to embrace open science as a catalyst for positive change, leading to a more equitable and impactful scientific ecosystem.

## Select Components of Belonging



## Creating a Sense of Belonging

Belonging is the feeling of being accepted by others as your authentic self and it is a crucial part of efforts to create and sustain an inclusive culture at NASA.

True belonging in any organization means people feel:

- Valued because of their lived experiences;
- Seen for their unique contributions;
- Heard when they share insights;
- Connected to their team members;
- Supported in their work and career development; and
- Proud of their organization's values and purpose



# Select Components of Belonging

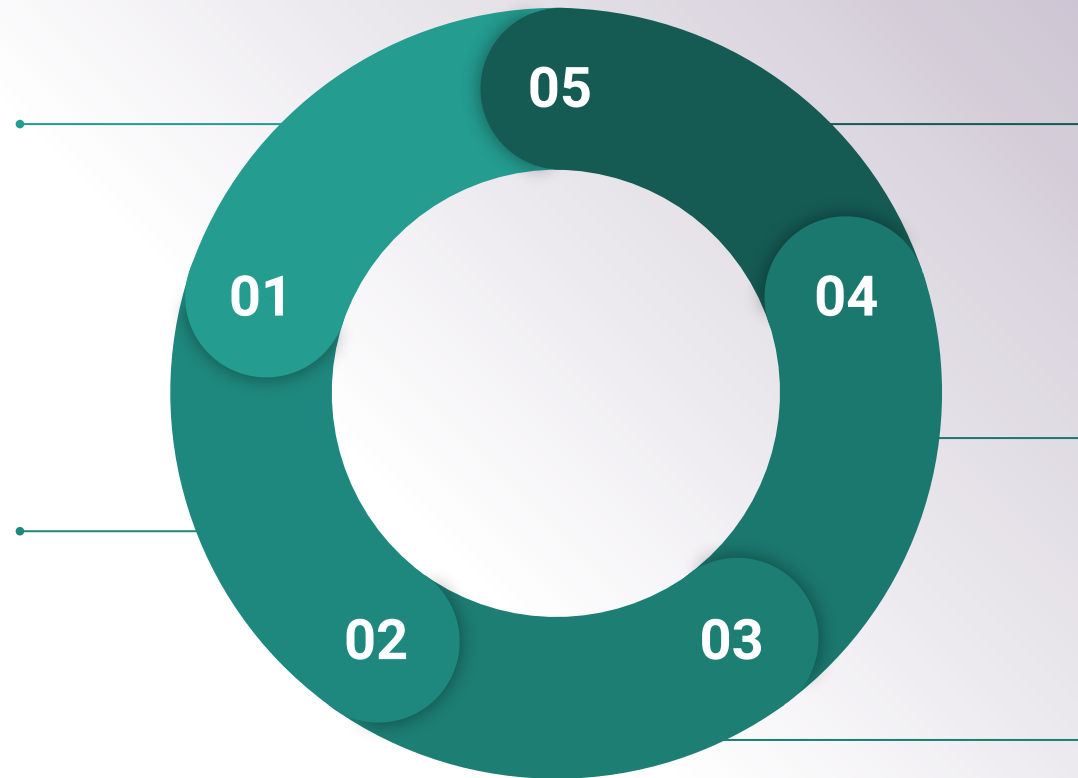
## First Impressions

When people enter a new situation, they should be actively greeted with words and actions that both acknowledge them and engage them fully, authentically, and in meaningful ways.

## Being Seen and Heard

Take the time necessary to get to know people for who they are. Pay attention to their stories, questions, ideas and ways of expressing themselves. Everyone is of value. Diverse experiences matter.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how these components support the needs of college students and young people from diverse backgrounds.



## Focus on Well-being

Organizations and teams should hold themselves accountable by tracking well-being measures in belonging, thriving and flourishing.

## Sense of Agency

Feeling able to control your individual trajectory and create change in your personal life or professional environment is deeply connected to one's sense of self and relationship with others.

## Being Affirmed

People from diverse backgrounds have their identities affirmed when they are included in planning and decision-making processes and when they feel safe, secure, and supported showing up as their whole selves in any setting.

# MUREP DEAP

## MUREP

The Minority University Research and Education Project provides financial assistance via competitive awards to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

## DEAP

NASA awarded \$11.7 million to eight HBCUs through the new Data Science Equity, Access, and Priority in Research and Education (DEAP) opportunity. These awards support efforts by HBCU students and faculty to conduct data science research that will contribute to the NASA's missions.

The awarded projects have up to three years to establish institutes and partnerships to:

- Increase the number and research capacity of STEM students at HBCUs,
- Accelerate innovation in a wide range of NASA science, technology, engineering, and mathematical research areas, and
- Prepare the future workforce for data-intensive space-based Earth sciences

## MUREP DEAP Collaborating Institutions

The project will establish a DEAP Institute focusing on machine learning-based development of a virtual constellation of satellites that capture changing water levels, from events such as storm flooding to multi-decadal time scales.



This project will rely on artificial intelligence and machine learning to better understand the science of concentrated salt solutions and the formation of ring-like deposits called evaporites to identify where water may have existed.



The project will build on existing capacity and collaboration with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to engage students and faculty in using data science to address scientific questions to manage NASA's Earth mission research.

This project aims to utilize existing state-of-the-art ML methods to develop new data analytic approaches to solve some of the core problems in Earth science research.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these institutions.

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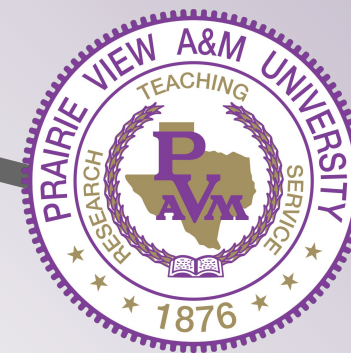
Through innovative data analysis algorithms, including ML/AI methods, this project will produce a high-resolution, open-access, and user-friendly urban aerosol database focusing on the Baltimore-Washington area.



This project will create training, data resources, and opportunities to use machine learning/artificial intelligence to identify and measure the impact of flood events and other natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and more.



Three North Carolina-based HBCUs will work together on this project developed to harness data science for flood monitoring and management.



This project aims to build an AI-based system that can share interactive, instantaneous, and user-relevant Earth science information, making NASA science more discoverable and accessible to a broad audience.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these institutions.

# OSTP Sub-working Group Year of Open Science (SYOS) Goals

**Goal 1: Establish strategic approaches**

**Goal 2: Engage underrepresented communities in open science and research**

**Goal 3: Account for open science activities in reviews, recognition, and incentives**

**Goal 4: Increase openness and transparency in review processes**

# Year of Open Science Tentative Plan

## Goal 2: Engage underrepresented communities in open science and research

Goals	Sub-task/activity	Performance Measures	Performance Target	Deliverable(s)
Study barriers and biases in NASA science engagement with underserved communities in science	<b>OSSI Activity #1</b> Host series of listening sessions to better understand barriers of entry for underserved communities into NASA science proposals, internships, and activities	Comments from participants	Engage at least 20 MSIs with dedicated departments in STEM in roundtable discussions	<p>Develop NASA OSSI Equity Toolkit, an online resource to support an increased access to training, technical assistance, and communication needs identified by underserved groups</p> <p>Develop white paper to recommend guidance on best practices to inform engagement with underserved communities</p>

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Develop co-led initiatives with existing NASA organizations with aligned missions in engaging underserved groups	Partner with NASA OSTEM to fund PBI/HBCU institutions enabling the establishment of data science institutions for data-intensive research in science and engineering among underrepresented groups	Support the continued development of data-intensive research programs at PBIs/HBCUs over the course of 3 years  Participate in site visits	Develop program and fund mentors across PBI/HBCUs to support developing the capacity and relationships with minority serving institutions	Host at least 8 open Science 101 curriculum workshops at each university
	<a href="#">OSSI Activity #2</a> Partner with NASA's Space Apps Team for Year of Open Science Global Hackathon	Number of participants who earn NASA open science badge	300 participants earn NASA open science badge	Article that discusses SpaceApps and open science

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## Goal 2: Engage underrepresented communities in open science and research

Goals	Sub-task/activity	Performance Measures	Performance Target	Deliverable(s)
Establish and co-develop initiatives with external organizations with missions aligned to broaden participation in science by underserved communities	Workshop targeted at minority serving institutions to increase access to proposal resources and materials	Selection rate of proposals by underserved groups in ROSES	Increase selection rate to level of non-underserved groups	Workshop report on review best practices and responding to reviewer comments
	<b>OSSI Activity #3</b> Host series of virtual roundtables with early career researchers (ECRs) from diverse backgrounds to discuss their needs, priorities, and roles in advancing a sustainable open science enterprise that can deliver on equitable outcomes.	Collaborate with Office of Science and Technology Policy to coordinate a OSTP/NASA event with roundtables focused on underserved communities and open science.	Advance our understanding of strategic approaches to grow and sustain an equitable open science enterprise for underserved ECR	Develop summary report on actionable steps to better support ECR and/or underserved communities

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Goals	Sub-task/activity	Performance Measures	Performance Target	Deliverable(s)
Establish and co-develop initiatives with external organizations with missions aligned to broaden participation in science by underserved communities	<a href="#">OSSI Activity #4</a> Participate in Grace Hopper Day to support the continued development of women in open source tools and technologies communities	Collaborate with HBCU to host community panel in June 2023	Coordinate amongst science, computer, and engineering departments at university to nominate students to attend panel and engage with NASA open science experts	Workshop summary report on outreach outcomes
		Collaborate with a tribal college/university to host community panel in October 2023	Coordinate amongst science, computer, and engineering departments at university to nominate students to attend panel and engage with NASA open science experts	Workshop summary report on outreach outcomes
		Intentional engagement with the open science community to broaden participation in the use and access to open source tools and technologies	Train at least 30 participants in the Ethos of Open Science module	Workshop summary report on outreach outcomes

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# SWOT Analysis Activity

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# Introduction

## Things to consider



**What works**



**What doesn't work**



**Potential obstacles**



**Potential opportunities**



**External factors that help**



**External factors that could pose challenges**

# Day 1

Wednesday June 14th, 2023  
TOPS Update and Creating the Curriculum

TOPS Update

Year of Open Science

Open Science 101 Module Content Development

Open Science 101 MOOC Development

**Strengths**  
**Weaknesses**  
**Opportunities**  
**Threats**



What works



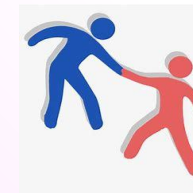
What doesn't work



Potential obstacles



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# Day 2

**Strengths**  
**Weaknesses**  
**Opportunities**  
**Threats**

<b>Thursday June 15th, 2023</b> <b>Training 20k Scientists</b>
Honoraria Q&A
TOPST Update
Open Science 101 Certification
Open Science 101 Instructor training
Open Science 101 Implementation
Community Forum (Public)
Scaling the curriculum to 20K



What works



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# What's next?

- The TOPS Community Panel Summary report is due **July 15, 2023**.
- We will follow up with a link to the shared gdoc for your review within the coming week.
- The Panel Summary does not require consensus, and we hope you are able to work together to create constructive guidance.
- The slack channel can be used to work together and if meetings are needed, we are happy to help coordinate them. We will bookmark the Panel Summary Report to the slack channel.
- Please email [chelle.gentemann@nasa.gov](mailto:chelle.gentemann@nasa.gov) or slack her once the Panel Summary is complete.
- **It is important that you meet the 7/15 deadline.** This will help inform decisions on future TOPS activities.
- We will upload the panel summary report to Zenodo and post to GitHub as part of the record of this meeting.
- If you have any questions or are unable to participate please reach out to me at [holly.e.norton@nasa.gov](mailto:holly.e.norton@nasa.gov). If I don't have an answer, I'll direct the question(s) to the correct people.



# Open Discussion

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## Progress

- ✓ TOPS Recruitment and Outreach
- ✓ 2024 Engagement Strategy
- ✓ HQ DEIA Engagement Strategy
- ✓ SWOT Analysis Activity

## Open Discussion: Potential

Feedback on the recruitment, engagement, or SWOT analysis?  
Feedback from the panel overall?

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# Closing Remarks

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