

Survey of Academic Departments & Programs That Include Planetary Science

Form completed by:

Title:

1. What is the name of your department or program?
2. What is the name of your institution?
3. Are there other departments at your university where graduate students study planetary science?

No

Yes

└─▶ Please specify:

Faculty, Research Staff, & Postdocs in Planetary Science

For the purposes of this survey we define the following categories:

Faculty – teaching and/or research faculty members who are tenured or tenure-track

Temporary Faculty – teaching and/or research faculty members with limited contracts

Research scientist – research associates, scientists, staff, usually > 5 years since PhD

Post-docs – researchers, usually < 5 years since PhD

4. Please indicate the number of faculty positions that involve teaching and/or research in planetary science in your department. Also indicate the number of all faculty members in your department.

Number of Planetary Scientists Number of ALL Faculty

Tenured

Tenure-track, but not yet tenured

Temporary Faculty

5. During the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years (the previous two years), did any tenure-track or tenured faculty members in your department or program who teach and/or do research in planetary science leave, retire, or pass away?

No

Yes

└─▶ How many total?

How many left without getting tenure?

How many retired?

6. Did you recruit for tenured or tenure-track planetary science faculty positions (not part-time) for the 2008-09 or 2009-10 academic years?

No

Yes



How many?

7. In terms of quantity and quality, how do you rate the supply of applicants for open planetary science faculty positions? Please explain.

8. On October 1, 2010, how many of the planetary science faculty members, research scientists, and postdocs in your department are:

	Number of Men	Number of Women
Tenured		
Tenure track, but not yet tenured		
Temporary Faculty		
Research Scientists		
Postdocs		
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TOTAL		

9. How many of the planetary science faculty members, research scientists, and staff in question 8 (above) identify as Hispanic, African American, Pacific Islander, and/or Native American?

Faculty members

Research Scientists

Postdocs

10. Does your department hire researchers or postdocs?

No

Yes

→ **How many postdocs or researchers has the department hired over the last two years (2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years)?**

Men

Women

How many of these were in planetary science?

Men

Women

In terms of quantity and quality, how do you rate the supply of PhDs for open planetary science postdoc positions? Please explain.

11. Are there other labs, departments, or institutes in your university that hire postdocs or researchers in planetary science?

No

Yes

→ **Please specify the name of the lab, department, or institute where these individuals are hired.**

Students in Planetary Science

12. How many undergraduates completed a bachelor's degree in your department with a concentration in planetary science (took 2 or more upper division courses in planetary science) during the last two academic years (2008-09 and 2009-10)?

Men

Women

13. Does your department offer a

Yes No

Master's degree in planetary science?

Doctorate in planetary science?

14. How many graduate students completed a terminal master's degree in your department in the area of planetary science during the last two academic years (2008-09 and 2009-10)?

Men

Women

15. How many graduate students completed a PhD in your department in the area of planetary science during the last two academic years (2008-09 and 2009-10)?

Men

Women

How many of these PhD recipients are US citizens?

Men

Women

16. In what undergraduate majors have your planetary science graduate students generally earned their degrees?

17. Please indicate the inclusion of the following factors in the evaluation process for planetary science graduate admissions.

Factor	Included in the Evaluation of ...					Not Included at All
	Every Applicant	International Applicants Only	Special Cases Only	Applicants with No Work Experience		
General GRE Score						
Physics GRE Score						
Grades in Math & Physics Courses						
Grades in Topics Related to Proposed Graduate Research						
Undergraduate Research Projects						
Applicant's Personal Statement						
Letters of Recommendation						

18. What other criteria do you include in your evaluation of applicants for admission to planetary science graduate programs? In what cases are these criteria considered?

19. Which two criteria from above are the most important in the evaluation of applicants for admission to planetary science graduate programs? Please explain.

20. In terms of quantity and quality, how do you rate the supply of applicants for planetary science graduate study in your department or program? What do you see limiting your ability to recruit planetary graduate students?