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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) congratulates Master's student Anna Stanczyk and doctoral student Nicole Shibley as the 2018 recipients of the Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship. This highly competitive scholarship, which is awarded to women pursuing graduate degrees in geoscience, provides a \$5,000 award for one academic year. Wallace Scholars who are continuing their graduate studies are eligible to apply for the award a second time.

**Anna Stanczyk** (*University of Utah*) is a Master's student at the University of Utah studying rock avalanches. Her current research is a multidisciplinary investigation of an ancient valley-blocking rock avalanche deposit in the natural laboratory of Hop Valley, Zion National Park. Her study fuses geological engineering, geochronology, geomorphology, and stratigraphy to clarify the occurrence and impacts of rock avalanches in areas of restricted topography. It also takes a unique step beyond the geosciences by investigating archaeological implications of a flat-bottomed valley in otherwise steep terrain.

**Nicole Shibley** (*Yale University*) is a Ph.D. candidate at Yale University studying the dynamics of the Arctic Ocean. Her current research combines theory and observations to investigate ocean mixing processes that are responsible for vertical heat fluxes towards the overlying sea ice cover. She hopes that this research will contribute to a better understanding of the Arctic Ocean's influence on sea ice and Arctic climate. Her research is supported by the Department of Defense through the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program.

The Wallace Scholarship is celebrating its sixth year supporting women geoscientists in graduate school. The original bequest was given by Harriet Evelyn Wallace, who was one of the founding members of the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS), a national organization and AGI Member Society that facilitates the exchange of information in the geosciences. The scholarship is awarded to the top applicants who most demonstrate a strong likelihood of successfully transitioning from graduate school into the geoscience workforce. To learn more, go to <https://www.americangeosciences.org/workforce/harriet-evelyn-wallace-scholarship>.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support rising women geoscientists through the Wallace Scholarship Fund, go to <https://bit.ly/GeoWomen>.

### About AGI

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AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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