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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) congratulates Ph.D. student Selena Martinez as the 2022 recipient of the AGI Scholarship for Advancing Diversity in the Geoscience Profession. This competitive scholarship provides \$5,000 to support an underrepresented minority student for their transition into a geoscience graduate program.

A recent recipient of a bachelor's degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences from Yale University, Martinez began her graduate work at the University of Chicago in Fall 2022. Her research interests include comparative anatomy, evolution of Mesozoic reptiles, and mass extinctions. A member of several professional societies including the Association for Women Geoscientists, the Geological Society of America, and the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, Martinez aspires to become a professor of vertebrate paleontology.

"Being awarded this scholarship feels fantastic," Martinez said. "Often efforts to make the sciences more diverse and equitable focus on the recruitment stage. This support, however, needs to exist at every step in a geoscientist's career. This award, which offers financial backing as I transition from undergraduate to graduate education, signifies a commitment to supporting historically excluded geoscientists throughout their careers."

This one-time, merit-based scholarship invites applications from students who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color in the United States studying the geosciences. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled in a recognized geoscience program with less than two semesters remaining in their geoscience bachelor's degree and self-identified as being of a minority background underrepresented in the geosciences. To learn more, see AGI Scholarship for Advancing Diversity in the Geoscience Profession.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support a qualified minority student in achieving his or her goal of becoming a professional geoscientist.

About AGI

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