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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is pleased to name master's student Isabelle Caban as the 2023 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 geology from Amherst College, Caban began her graduate work at Indiana University Bloomington in Fall 2023. Her research interests include volcanoes, landslides, and the long-term consequences they pose. She hopes her research will be useful for developing mitigation strategies for these hazards around the world. A member of the American Geophysical Union and the Geological Society of America, Caban aspires to make her research useful to stakeholders, perhaps as an education and outreach professional at a national laboratory or as a consultant on hazards.

"As a first-generation, low-income student, I felt a lot of anxiety about entering a master's program in a new state far from home, where I didn't have an established community," said Caban. "This award allowed me to focus on adjusting to my new life without additional stresses of financial security. The award also provides participants with a network of people who are dedicated to advancing diversity in geosciences, providing us with an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about diversity in our field."

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 the 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

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), a federation of scientific and professional associations representing over a quarter-million geoscientists, is a nonprofit 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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