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AGI Reports on Female Participation in the Academic Geoscience Community

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) Workforce Program has released the current data on the percentage of female graduates and faculty members in the geosciences in the latest issue of *Geoscience Currents*.

The geosciences have a lower percentage of female faculty members than the other sciences. This comes as the number of women obtaining geosciences degrees has increased steadily for several decades. The overall percentage of geosciences degrees granted to females stands at 45%.

In stark comparison to the number of degrees granted, women make up 14.2% of geosciences tenure track positions while females account for 28% of the tenure-track positions in all sciences.

To view further data and corresponding graphs visit <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/>.

Geoscience Currents provides data snapshots and short reports to shed light into the issue of the overall health of the geoscience profession and issues within the field. From scholarships to employment opportunities, the effect of retirements, to university enrollment trends, *Geoscience Currents* provides up to-the-minute glimpses into all areas of the geosciences, from academia, government, and industry to educational opportunities and university demographics.

To automatically receive *Currents* go to <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/> and click “Register.” Also on the website are previous *Geoscience Currents* issues and other reports completed by the Workforce Program, as well as additional resources pertaining to geoscience careers.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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