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## AGI to Host a Professional Development Workshop for Underrepresented, Early-Career Minorities Pursuing Faculty-Track Positions

Alexandria, VA – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), in collaboration with the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), is hosting a professional development workshop for underrepresented, early-career minorities interested in careers in research and academia.

The workshop, entitled *Developing a Diverse Professoriate: A Professional Development Workshop for Underrepresented-Minority, Early-Career Faculty in the Geosciences*, will be held in the Washington D.C. area from Wednesday, April 4 through Friday, April 6, 2012.

The workshop seeks to increase underrepresented minority participation in the geosciences. Participants will learn integral leadership and training skills to help promote early-career success, and aide them in overcoming common barriers within their institutions. The workshop will include 5 topical sessions on subjects such as research and grant writing, and instructional and educational guidance, and will include meetings and discussions with agency and professional society representatives. **Applications are due Monday, January 23.**

Participation is open to persons who are underrepresented minorities, persons with disabilities, or those teaching at a minority serving institution. Applications are open to early-career faculty, post-doctoral students, or students in the final year of their Ph.D. All applicants must intend to pursue an academic-based career with an emphasis on teaching. For more information on eligibility requirements, and to learn more about the workshop, please visit [www.agiweb.org/workforce](http://www.agiweb.org/workforce), or contact Heather Houlton at [hrh@agiweb.org](mailto:hrh@agiweb.org). This workshop is being supported by NSF Grant 11-08210.

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