



# PSECCO

## Polar Science Early Career Community Office

PSECCO empowers early career scientists in the polar sciences by supporting a vibrant community, providing opportunities and sharing resources to work together towards a more just, inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible polar science environment.



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### September 2022 PSECCO Updates!

It's been a busy month at PSECCO, with the first session of our first [Belonging, Accessibility, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(BAJEDI\) Workshop](#), facilitation of several events in the Antarctic Event Series, and the release of the pre-solicitation call for PSECCO's BAJEDI Microgrants! We were also excited to be able to award our first conference travel grants, supporting 11 polar early career scientists and educators in meeting their conference and workshop goals.

In this newsletter you will find information on:

- [Antarctica Governance 101](#): a webinar about the past, present and future of Antarctica governance
- [A guide](#) on how to help new folks feel welcome in polar spaces!
- The [PSECCO BAJEDI Microgrant Solicitation](#) and how to be notified when it is released
- Other events happening **tomorrow** in the polar early career community, including:
  - [Polar Impact's panel on inclusive mentoring](#)

- [United States Association of Polar Early Career Scientists \(USAPECS\)'s 'get to know us and listening webinar'](#)

## Upcoming Events / Opportunities

### Antarctic Governance 101

September 22, 2022

[1pm AKT](#) | [3pm MT](#) | [5pm ET](#)

Antarctica belongs to no-one, yet is home to science and scientists from around the world—making it a place like no other. Learn from Dr. Iqra Choudhry and Kimberly Aiken about the history, current landscape and future considerations for governing this unique environment.



Haven't signed up yet? No worries! [Register for the event here.](#)

### BAJEDI Micro-grant Pre-Solicitation Announcement

[Full announcement to be released by October 1st, 2022](#)

As an organization committed to enhancing diversity and inclusion, and working towards building an inclusive and just environment in the polar sciences, PSECCO is excited to announce the pre-solicitation call for individuals and organizations to apply for PSECCO Belonging, Accessibility, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (BAJEDI) Microgrants!



Do you have an idea that will advance BAJEDI in the polar regions but need a little funding to bring that idea to fruition? PSECCO is looking to support people or organizations with plans that will lead to tangible impacts in these areas. PSECCO will be releasing the solicitation with more specific information regarding the application process, and the rubric that will be used to select proposals for support, this month.

In the meantime, we encourage you to brainstorm initiatives for which you'd like support. Do you want to know when the full solicitation is released? Share your email in [this interest form](#) and you'll be the first to know.

Deadline to apply is: October 31, 2022 at 11.59pm MT.

## A PSECCO guide to helping new folks feel welcome in new polar spaces

PSECCO asked the polar community what they did to make new students, researchers and faculty welcome, and wrote an article about we learned some people have done (and maybe you can do too!), [which you can access here.](#)

*A special shout-out goes to Jullian Williams and Catherine Bruns for sharing their insight into how to make new folks feel welcome!*



## PSECCO Early Career Social Hour

**October 26, 2022**

[10am AK | 12pm MT | 2pm ET](#)

Join other polar early career scientists to connect, network, & build community at PSECCO's Early Career Social Hour in the fun virtual world of 'Topia'!

Topia is an interactive and unique way to connect with others remotely, in a virtual setting built specifically for this PSECCO Social Hour. Sit and chat with other polar scientists who do science where you do, or gather with other folks chatting around a campfire. The cool thing about this world is that you decide who you chat to and where you go within it.

These socials will be held monthly on the last Wednesday of every month, so if you can't make this one, come to the next!



## Other Polar News

**'What Makes a Mentor? A Panel on Inclusive Mentorship Practices' event organized by Polar Impact**

**September 22, 2022**

[9am EST | 1pm GMT | 6:30pm IST](#)

We welcome all to register for the Polar Impact panel titled "What Makes a Mentor? A Panel on Inclusive Mentorship Practices" to be held on September 22, 2022 at 9am EST / 1 PM GMT/ 6:30 PM IST. This virtual panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Jackie Goordial,



assistant professor at the University of Guelph, and will explore themes around mentoring styles and networks, learning from poor mentorship experiences, and the nuanced role mentorship plays for historically excluded groups, specifically in polar research. [Learn more about the panelists and how to register here.](#)

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## USAPECS Get to Know Us and Listening Session

**September 22, 2022**

[10am AKT | 12pm MT | 2pm ET](#)



The United States Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (USAPECS) will be hosting a “Get to Know Us & Listening Session” webinar on Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 10:00am-11:00am AK/2:00pm-3:00pm EST. Come join us to hear what USAPECS is planning for the upcoming year and to share your ideas about what we can do in the future. USAPECS focuses on activities geared toward the Early Career Polar and Alpine research community but all those interested are welcome to attend! Please register ahead of time as space is limited.

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## USAPECS International Polar Film Festival

**September 19 - 23, 2022**

[All day](#)



The United States Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (USAPECS) is hosting its sixth annual international Polar Film Festival from September 19th to the 23rd! The theme for this year's films is *Stories of Environmental and Social Change in the Polar Regions*. These films are being hosted for free online viewing this week, so grab some popcorn, get cozy, and enjoy the films solo or with friends and family!

The films for the Polar Film Festival can be found on the [USAPECS website here.](#)

## PSECCO Resources

### Join the PSECCO Community Slack Channel!

Are you a polar early career scientist looking to make informal connections, ask questions about polar science papers or data, plan meet-ups at conferences & more with other early career folks? [Join the PSECCO Community Space on Slack!](#)

Don't see a channel for what you'd like to connect with the community about? Let [PSECCO](#) know and we can make space for it or direct you to the best channel to post in!





### PSECCO Community Input

The Polar Science Early Career Community Office (PSECCO) is here to meet the needs and amplify the efforts of early career scientists in the polar community. To effectively do that, we would love to hear from you.

Please share answers to any or all of the following, so that we can better understand individual and collective needs within the community. Please note that this feedback is anonymous, unless you choose to share your information.

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What ideas do you have for PSECCO to best support, elevate and amplify the work and ideas of early career polar scientists?

Your answer



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### Join our Listserv

Want to hear about or contribute to opportunities specific to polar early career scientists? Join the PSECCO's polar early career scientist listserv!

#### How to join the listserv

To join email [sympa@lists.colorado.edu](mailto:sympa@lists.colorado.edu) with the subject line: SUBSCRIBE psecco-list@colorado.edu YourName

To unsubscribe from the list you can email [sympa@lists.colorado.edu](mailto:sympa@lists.colorado.edu) with the subject line: UNSUBSCRIBE psecco-list@colorado.edu

Please note that it might take a little bit of time for this request to be processed. However, if you are still running into difficulty with subscribing, you can check out additional instructions from the University of Colorado IT's here:

- How to Subscribe to a List: <https://lists.colorado.edu/sympa/help/subscribe>
- How to UnSubscribe from a List: <https://lists.colorado.edu/sympa/help/unsubscribe>

#### How to post to the listserv

To post to this list, send your message to: [psecco-list@colorado.edu](mailto:psecco-list@colorado.edu)

Please note that you will have to confirm that you want your message sent to this list (simple instructions to do this will be sent to you by the list). This is an added layer of security to make sure that the messages folks receive on this list are not spam!

We'd love to hear from you!

Share your input on how PSECCO can best serve the polar early career community using [this linked form](#).

Fill out the polar early career scientist input form!

Would you like to see more opportunities for you as a polar early career scientist or to share some? Sign up to the PSECCO Listserv, a lightly moderated listserv where anyone in the polar community can share conference opportunities, post jobs, ask questions and directly engage with this group.

Sign up to or post on the PSECCO Listserv

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