

NASA Student Travel Support Available!

To encourage student participation and help young scientists learn how to use state-of-the-art tools, NASA is providing support for students to attend the *Workshop on Modeling Martian Hydrous Environments*. The award is aimed at students who are currently working in fields that may lead them into martian research and who have a strong interest in martian hydrology and/or mineralogy as well as lander and orbiter observations.

The NASA Mars Program Office has announced that travel funding will be made available for students who are U.S. citizens or legal residents, with Mars-related interests, to attend the workshop. An application must be submitted **by May 17, 2009**, to be considered for this funding. NASA Headquarters will make the selections and students will be notified *no later than May 29, 2009*. Typically up to five students are selected for awards.

Reimbursable costs include transportation (airfare, mileage to/from airport, parking, rental car), lodging/per diem, and the meeting registration fee. In most cases, actual expenses will exceed the funding provided.

To apply for support, students should:

- e-mail a short letter (1–2 pages) to **Dr. Susanne P. Schwenzer**, describing how hydrous or geochemical modeling will be included in their future research and/or in their present work
- provide a brief e-mail of support from an academic advisor or professor
- submit the electronic **student travel funding application form**

Applications for support must be received **by May 17, 2009**.

Note: Students who are depending on travel assistance should NOT pay the registration fee or make travel arrangements *until they have been notified that they have received an award*. If you are requesting funds to travel to the meeting from outside the U.S., you should also wait to register until you have successfully completed NASA's foreign travel approval process. Failure to comply with this requirement may prohibit reimbursement.

Travel costs up to \$1000.00 will be reimbursed according to JPL/government-specified allowances. For reference, hotel/per diem rates can be found at www.gsa.gov (see per diem).

Eligibility:

- Students must be U.S. citizens or legal residents.
- Students must be enrolled at a university at the time of the workshop or the semester immediately following the workshop (if during break).

Interested students with questions are encouraged to contact Charles Budney (Mars Program Office, charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov or 818-354-3981).