Objective: to enhance the professional development of graduate students and early postdoctoral researchers by providing an opportunity to present and discuss scientific research in an environment of their peers.

Format:

- FOR grad students, BY grad students
- Organizing committee: 4 grad students across 4 campuses
- Three successful conferences 2010-2012 held in conjunction with Lunar Science Forum (LSF) at NASA Ames
- Total 66 participants: average 22 per year
- ~15 speakers + 3 overview talks on each NLSI research area: Of the Moon, On the Moon & From the Moon
- Discussions follow each session
- Peer feedback is provided to each student presenter
- Conference feedback continues to improve format

Motivation:

- Planetary science is an inherently interdisciplinary research area. Unlike the specialized Ph.D. studies, LunGradCon fosters an environment for collaboration and communication across disciplines.
- Age gap between most established lunar scientists and the “next generation”.
- Broad community - start early to bring people together, facilitate connections, provide support.
- Low stress environment to practice oral presentation skills.
- Opportunity to develop network of fellow scientists and collaborators.

Additional activities include networking opportunities and tours of NASA Ames.

2013 Call for Participation:

- Aligning with the future direction of the NLSI, new this year research is solicited from lunar and small bodies including Near Earth Asteroids and Phobos & Deimos
- LunGradCon 2013 will be July 13 & 14 at NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, California.
- Limited lodging and travel funding available.
- Abstract deadline: May 31, 2013
  - [http://lasp.colorado.edu/ccldas/lgc2013/](http://lasp.colorado.edu/ccldas/lgc2013/)
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