

Inclusive Astronomy 2 Conference



Thank you!

We would like to thank all participants of Inclusive Astronomy 2 for a productive and energizing meeting.

Links to the public webcast are available [here](#).

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Space Telescope
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Baltimore, MD

It has been four years since the 2015 Nashville Inclusive Astronomy meeting, an event that brought astronomers together with sociologists, policy makers, and leaders in the field to discuss issues affecting underrepresented groups in astronomy. The [Nashville Recommendations](#), which emphasize equity and intersectionality, build upon a rich history of work to broaden participation and improve climates.

We now have the opportunity to bring together the astronomy community to discuss the current state of the profession and make recommendations for the 2020s and beyond. Specifically, we will discuss community expectations on inclusivity and representation, evaluate our progress towards meeting equity goals, and address the needs of marginalized groups in the workforce. We will advance these broad goals by focusing on barriers in professional development (e.g., training, jobs, promotion, tenure) and barriers to accessing resources (e.g., funding, telescopes, facilities, data).

We invite the community to present their work towards identifying and removing these barriers and to participate in the next steps towards making astronomy fully inclusive.

We are aware that the timing of IA2 falls within a busy season of meetings - namely the [National Society of Black Physicists](#) (Providence, Rhode Island, Nov. 14-17), [International Astronomical Union](#) (Tokyo, Nov. 12-15), and [Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in STEM](#) (Honolulu, Hawaii, Oct. 31-Nov. 2). We support the important work being done at each of these conferences, and apologize for any conflicts that might arise due to the close scheduling of them all.

Additionally, we acknowledge that IA2 overlaps with the Jewish festival of Sukkot (Oct. 13-20). We apologize for this inconvenience, and we are collaborating with the local Jewish community to ensure that practicing attendees will have access to sukkot on the Johns Hopkins campus.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please see our page on remote participation options.

Important Dates	
March 20, 2019	Optional Notice of Intent (NOI) for submitting activity, project, or state of the profession consideration (APC) white papers due to the National Academy
June 21, 2019	Pre-registration and abstract submissions open
July 10, 2019	5-10 page APC white papers due to the National Academy. See the study webpage for more information.
July 19, 2019	Pre-registration and abstract submissions close
August 6, 2019	Call for late abstracts open
August 16, 2019	Notices of acceptance go out; Final registration opens
September 1, 2019	Call for late abstracts closes
September 9, 2019	Final registration closes
October 14 -15, 2019	Inclusive Astronomy II Conference dates, Space Telescope Science Institute

