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Symposium brings together a New Generation of Polar Researchers



- Purpose: The New Generation Polar Researcher (NGPR) Symposium will catalyze formation of a vibrant, international and interdisciplinary community of polar scientists working collectively to extend polar research frontiers across geographic boundaries and disciplines. The NGPR Symposium will provide a venue where new polar researchers can learn from veteran polar scientists, expand their historical, scientific and professional outlook, and forge lifelong, interdisciplinary collegial relationships with their peers. During the week-long event:
 - NGPR scholars will present their research in plenary format (both oral and poster);
 International Geophysical Year (IGY) veteran scientists and other experienced polar scholars will provide an historical overview and context for the IPY and a vision for the future of polar research; and
 - Communication skills will be developed in the context of working across disciplines and transmitting the goals of the International Polar Year (IPY) and the excitement of polar research beyond the ivory towers
- *** Location**: La Foret Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- **Dates**: May 4-11, 2008 (Applications due Oct 15, 2007)
- **Eligibility**: Advanced students and Ph.D. graduates conducting polar research during the IPY and who complete their degree between Jan. 1, 2002 Mar. 31, 2009 are eligible to apply. Scholars from the full range of natural and social sciences are eligible. While the focus is on U.S. research, citizens of all countries are eligible.
- **Selection**: Thirty-four NGPR scholars will be selected through a rigorous application process. Selection will favor individuals who plan to engage in interdisciplinary research careers with a polar focus, and who want to communicate the importance of the IPY and the value of polar research to the media, students, general public, policy makers or other groups beyond the ivory towers.
- **Travel and on-site expenses** are covered through a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation

Website for applications and more information: http://ccar.colorado.edu/ngpr

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