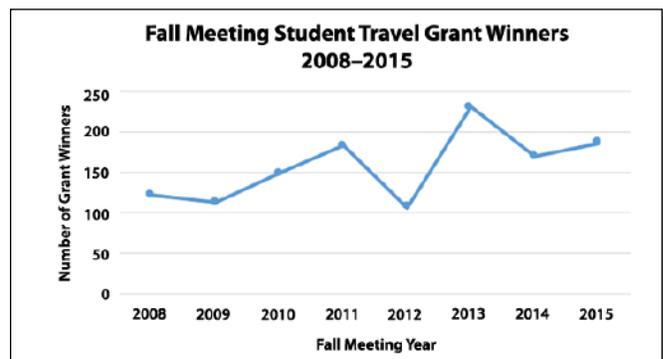


AGU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS HELP UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

Financial support from the AGU's travel grant programs increases opportunities for women, underrepresented minorities, and international students to attend Fall Meeting.¹

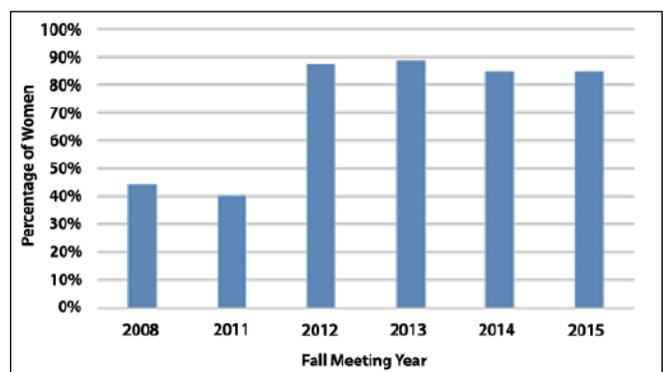
The Earth and space science community knows that attending an AGU meeting as a student can be a transforming experience that builds confidence, grows perspective, and forges a new network of scientific peers.

In 2012, in alignment with AGU's commitment to increasing diversity in the geosciences, the selection process pivoted to give priority to women, underrepresented minorities in the U.S., and international students. The result has been a dramatic increase in opportunities for these groups to share and receive feedback on their research.



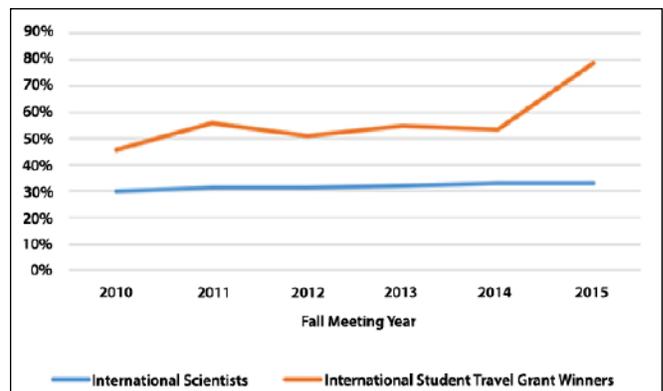
WOMEN

Women are traditionally underrepresented in the geosciences and in 2015 made up only 27% of the U.S. geoscience workforce.² Fall Meeting attendance figures are comparable, with women totaling about one third of all participants. Among students, however, the percentage of women attending has risen to 43% in recent years. The percentage of student travel grants awarded to women doubled in 2012, and since then, more than 80% of the recipients annually have been women.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Approximately one third of Fall Meeting attendees, including students, are scientists from outside the U.S. and Canada. As part of creating a more diverse and inclusive community in the geosciences, AGU instituted a change in travel grant criteria in 2012 to increase support for international students. Today, preferential support continues for students traveling from countries outside of North America. In 2015, 78% of all student travel grant winners were international students.



MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE

Student travel grants are an investment in the future of the Earth and space sciences and the undergraduate and Ph.D. students from around the world hoping to defray the costs of presenting their science.

Student applications for travel grant support far exceed the number of available grants. Over the years, student travel grant applications have grown to approximately 1,000 each year. AGU is currently able to support 220 student travel grants each year—there is room to grow to meet the needs of future Earth and space scientists. Meeting this challenge will take the entire AGU community, and we need your help.



¹Excerpts from Meisenhelder, K., and E. Hankin (2016), AGU student travel grants help underrepresented groups, *Eos*, 97, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2016EO057163>.

²Bureau of Labor Statistics (2015), Labor force statistics from the current population, Washington, D. C., <https://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat11.htm>.