

2022 Advancing Graduate Leadership (AGL) Conference

The American Physical Society held its first Advancing Graduate Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. This day and a half conference was held August 4-5, 2022 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C. The Advancing Graduate Leadership (AGL) program aimed to provide professional development training for **women and gender minority** graduate students and postdocs to position them as next-generation leaders in physics and ultimately as critical agents in transforming culture. The aim of the program is to:

- Expand networking, strengthen retention, and provide opportunities for future research and other collaborations throughout the community
- Provide mentor training and professional development training for those pursuing physics graduate studies
- Support individuals in seeking leadership roles at their own institutions and in the broader community, where they train others and are recognized for their efforts

Description of Activities

The conference program sessions focused on professional development, networking, and training that were tailored specifically to women and gender minorities. All sessions were interactive and engaged participants in active discussions around mental health, diversity, unethical behaviors in science, building strong networks, and developing confidence and presence. Session facilitators represented diverse personal and professional backgrounds in academia, industry, national labs, and other organizations. The table below shows a summary of the conference program:

Date/Time	Session Title and Facilitator(s)
August 4, 2022	
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Welcome Address: Jonathan Bagger, Monica Plisch (APS)
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Teamwork and Equity: Michelle Lollie
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Cultivating Inclusive and Authentic Leadership: Ilke Arslan, S. Simmons
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Dealing with Unethical Behavior: France Houle, Meg Rodriguez
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Power Building: Bri Hart, Callie Pruett, Shannon Swilley-Greco
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Banquet and Keynote Address: Simone Hyater-Adams
August 5, 2022	
8:45 am - 10:15 am	Graduate and Professional Student Mental Health: Nance Roy, Andrea Welsh
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Developing Confidence and Presence: Erica Snider