



# Promising Programs & Practices (P<sup>3</sup>)

A monthly info session for, and by, the National NASA Space Grant Community  
Monday, August 19, 2024 @ 3:00PM Eastern



## *Exploring Evaluation Measures for Space Grant Behind-the-Scenes Labor*

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### **Description:**

While extant evaluation data shows that Space Grant impacts on students are meaningful and long-lasting, the valiant "behind-the-scenes" efforts of Space Grant leaders and staff to achieve those student impacts may be unsustainable. To what extent do burdensome reporting requirements, shifting mandated goals and strategies, university- and state-level policies and practices, and reliance on overwork and the intrinsic goodwill of Space Grant leaders and staff create an unstable equilibrium and/or risk to program outcomes over the long-term? This P3 Session will be an exploratory discussion to share ideas and test evaluation strategies to develop an evaluation plan for better understanding this "hidden labor" and mitigate risk long-term.

### **Goals:**

1. Generate a better understanding of the "behind-the-scenes" challenges of Space Grant leaders and staff
2. Pilot test experimental evaluation questions
3. Crowd-source new evaluation questions for future assessment



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### **Program Agenda Estimates**

- 3:00-3:05 Welcome & Introductions
- 3:05-3:15 Motivation for this session, goals
- 3:15-3:35 Activity 1: Jamboard brainstorming
- 3:35-3:55 Activity 2: Review the draft survey items and brainstorm new ones
- 3:55 – Wrap-up, questions, and open discussion

### **Zoom Info**

- [Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 867 6959 9331
- Password: 295883

### **About P3:**

Promising Programs & Practices is a monthly info session organized by the Space Grant Communications Working Group. On the second Monday of the month, we feature promising programs or practices from members of the National Space Grant community. Affiliates are welcome/encouraged to attend. Slides and videos of past presentations are distributed via the Space Grant Coordinators and Directors listserv, and the new Communications Working Group listserv which includes affiliates of our programs. Past presentations and resources can be found at <https://laspacespace.lsu.edu/promising-programs-practices-p3/>.