



## AAS Molly K. Macauley Award

### 2023 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, June 16, 2023**

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants for this award must be currently enrolled (as of October 1, 2023) undergraduate or graduate students majoring in science and/or engineering or business and space policy (including law and economics) at an ***accredited college or university in the United States.***

#### **Application Process:**

Applications must include the following:

1. An abstract of up to 500 words (see the format below), outlining a space industry related research project in one of the following tracks:
  - Business and Space Policy aspects including Law and Economics
  - Technical aspects of a space-related gap in Science or Engineering
2. A short C.V. of the applicant, listing academic studies.
3. A cover letter up to two pages in length, written by the applicant. This letter should explain the applicant's interest in one or more of the fields of this award, and the applicant's expectations of gaining further experience or work in these fields.
4. A letter of reference supporting the application from a major professor or senior colleague.

In July, five abstracts from each track will be invited to submit full papers and present their work orally to the AAS Macauley Review Committee in a virtual meeting setting. Full papers will be a maximum of ten pages detailing the subject of their abstract. Presentations will be 10-15 minutes in duration. The papers and presentations will be judged by a panel of experts during the month of July.

Immediately following the online presentations in July, one applicant from each track will be selected to receive a \$2,500 award. The award is intended to defray costs of attending any conference in following year that includes topics related to the paper's subject. Winners of each category are also invited and expected to make a 10 to 15-minute oral presentation at the von Braun Symposium.



All ten finalists (including the two winners) will be offered the opportunity to present their work as a poster at the [AAS von Braun Symposium](#) and will receive a \$500 travel award and free registration to attend the Symposium.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

*Abstract submission link available on or about April 3, 2023*

**ABSTRACT FORMAT:**

**Abstract Title**

**Abstract:** The body of the abstract begins here. It should be an explicit summary of your presentation that states the problem, the methods used or to be used, and the major results and conclusions expected or obtained. Do not include bullets, lists, graphs, or images in the abstract. The abstract should be a single-spaced document. The abstract is limited to 500 words.

The first part of the abstract should state the problem you propose to solve or the issue you set out to explore. Explain your rationale for pursuing the project. The problem or issue might be a research question, a scientific concern, a business challenge or space policy (including law and economics) challenge. The purpose of your study is to solve this problem and/or add to your discipline's understanding of the issue. This section of the abstract should explain how you solved or will solve the problem or explore the issue you identified. Your abstract should also describe your research methods. This section should include a concise description of the process by which you will conduct or have conducted your research.

Next, the abstract should list the results or outcomes of the work you have done so far.

Your abstract should conclude with a statement of the project's implications and contributions to its field. It should convince readers that the project is interesting, valuable, and worth further investigation. The abstract should be compelling and attract the reviewers' curiosity.

*For more information or if you have questions, [contact AAS](#).*