

## "Future Directions in Tectonics" – Workshop Invitation

Future research in tectonics and structural geology is the focus of an NSF-sponsored workshop to be held in Madison, Wisconsin on July 22-24, 2015. We aim to assemble a diverse range of earth scientists to identify pertinent and promising areas of new research, recognize and prioritize infrastructure needs that are necessary to making scientific progress, and articulate the societal relevance of research in tectonics and structural geology in the 21st Century. The vision articulated at the workshop will be captured in a white paper, the first of its kind since 2004, that will inform our science community, funding agencies, elected officials, and the general public. Such white papers, when representative of the community, can be of significant help to funding agencies such as NSF in setting priorities for future programs. See the recent issue of GSA's SG&T newsletter for additional background (<http://rock.geosociety.org/sgt/index.html>).

We need your participation in order to make this effort a success. Please set aside time this summer to help shape the future of tectonics and structure research!

**When:** July 22-24, 2015, tentatively scheduled from noon Wednesday to noon Friday.

**Where:** Weeks Hall, campus of University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Workshop participation:** The goal is to be as inclusive as possible and all who are interested are invited to attend. Financial support for travel/lodging is available for a limited number (~70) of participants. Workshop discussions will be streamed live so that those who cannot make it can still participate online.

**To express interest in attending or to apply for travel support, go to:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1essNLIIZ5WIjupyvmT3DVRbj2ARgC3nL8tpWA8PEVa8/viewform>

### **Additional input from the community**

**Pre-workshop:** Please share your suggestions on format and discussion topics here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lPWP4hBWSSAPIJFV3BaHzo8jwEEHPOSNwLICxzdiPKk/viewform>

**Post-workshop** participation will also be sought via: 1) Discussion groups (e.g. webinars); 2) Town hall meetings at GSA and AGU meetings; and 3) An open comment period on the draft of the white paper.

The organizing committee will begin finalizing the content and format of the workshop and the participant list beginning **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, so please provide feedback and express interest in attending by this date. **This will also serve as the deadline for applying for travel support to attend the workshop.**

Hope to see (or hear) you there!

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