



Open House DEI Session

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MIT-WHOI Open House 2022: DEI Session Breakout Room Hosts

Breakout Room #1

Shawn Wang- Shawn is a male Asian-American and a first generation immigrant from China. In grad school, Shawn is actively involved with JP-ASK, a student run group focused on providing equity of resources for applying to graduate programs in earth sciences. Shawn is also involved with Mentor Advocacy Program (MAP) at MIT, a program for mentoring first generation minority college students at MIT.

Jacob Partida- Jacob is a first-generation college graduate who comes from a predominantly latino working class community. He has recently participated in the Unlearning Racism in Geosciences program and enjoys doing ocean science outreach in local schools.

Breakout Room #2

Ciara Willis- Ciara is a white, hetero woman and an international student from Canada. She moved to the US for grad school together with her husband. Ciara is a Board Member for the Joint Program Applicant Support and Knowledgebase program, which seeks to provide equity of resources for applying to graduate programs by matching graduate school applicants with current grad student mentors.

Logan Tegler- Logan is a white female who identifies as bisexual. She is passionate about trying to make science a more equitable place, especially for underserved communities. She is currently the student representative on the Workplace Climate Committee at WHOI. This committee runs the "Communita" program, which aims to increase awareness about the challenges that affect communities and create policy for alleviating these challenges.

Breakout Room #3

Elena Perez- Elena is a white, hispanic woman and one of the first people in her family to go to graduate school. In her first year in the JP, Elena has mentored 2 prospective students through JP ASK and has started to get involved with WiXII, Women in Course XII (EAPS) at MIT.

Alia Hidayat- Alia is a Muslim-Indonesian-American woman and current team lead for the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion's middle/high school outreach program, which aims to reduce disparities in which students are able to access marine science/engineering lessons. She also helped set up the Resources for Easing Friction and Stress (REFS) program in the JP which provides peer support and conflict management resources to students.