Schweickart Prize
Planetary Defense Leadership Award

Are you passionate about asteroids and planetary defense? Are you engaged in studies or projects in science, technology, astronomy, space law, or education that demonstrate leadership in the field of planetary defense?

Apply for the Schweickart Prize today!

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About B612 and the Prize

In 2023, B612 Foundation launched the Schweickart Prize program to honor the achievements and public leadership of its co-founder, Apollo 9 astronaut Rusty Schweickart. B612 aims to protect the Earth from asteroid impacts, with their major project being the Asteroid Discovery Analysis and Mapping (ADAM) platform.

The Schweickart Prize recognizes one graduate student (or post doc) each year for generating innovative ideas and for their potential leadership in the advancement of planetary defense. Applicants must submit a proposal of an innovative and original idea or concept that, looking forward, would materially improve planetary defense capabilities in one or more areas that include asteroid impact prediction, impact mitigation, mitigation law and policy development, and public outreach and education on planetary defense.

The Prize

The winner will be granted a cash prize of $10,000 USD and receive a prestigious museum-quality award, with an authenticated meteorite, symbolizing the existential nature of the award's purpose. Additionally, the winning proposal will be given global exposure through a press campaign, ensuring their work receives widespread recognition.

Key Dates

The Prize will be awarded on Asteroid Day, June 30th, 2024. Applications for the 2024 Prize are being accepted now. Final applications will be accepted through February 15th, 2024.