

# Doc Brown Futures Award

Subject: Nominate Yourself or a Colleague for the Doc Brown Futures Award

Dear AAPT Members,

I'm Doc Brown, I've been to the future and I found out that those folks who nominate someone for this award have a great life ahead of them! ☺

Are you a physics teacher early in your career and love being in the classroom with your students? Do you want to enhance those experiences by drawing closer to your AAPT colleagues and be recognized for your passion? Or, do you know an early career AAPT member who fits this description? If so, I would love to have these accomplishments recognized by having you or your colleague receive the [Doc Brown Futures Award](#)!

What is the Doc Brown Futures Award? It is a recognition but also an incentive. The award recognizes early-career AAPT members who demonstrate excellence in their contributions to physics education and also want to grow their career through an AAPT involvement and perhaps AAPT leadership activities.

What does the awardee receive? A monetary prize of \$1,000, a commemorative plaque, and a complimentary registration at an AAPT Summer Meeting to receive the award. Additionally, they receive two nights lodging at the conference hotel and a reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses. The awardee can enjoy time with a mentor who is a current AAPT leader and will learn how they may enhance physics education including a possible role in AAPT leadership circles.

What does a recent recipient say about the award?

Darsa Donelan, 2023 recipient, "This platform has allowed me to connect with others who may have faced similar obstacles in their academic and professional journeys, and I am grateful for the opportunity to inspire and support fellow physicists." Darsa is currently serving on the AAPT Board of Directors in an At-Large position.

Please submit a [nomination](#) today; it can be succinct, simply highlighting teaching accomplishment, passion, and leadership interest! You could do it in the same time it took to read this description!!

Sincerely yours,  
Robert "Doc" Brown.