KNOWLEDGE SHARING

NASA’S GREATEST ASSET is its human capital. The Academy of Program and Project Leadership enables top project managers to share their best practices and lessons learned with fellow practitioners across the Agency.

When NASA managers, scientists, and engineers share their project stories, the Agency maximizes its return on investment by capturing experience-generated knowledge. Through conferences, workshops, and ASK Magazine, APPL cultivates a community of reflective practitioners.

APPL’s knowledge sharing services include:

**ASK Magazine**
APPL’s bi-monthly journal shares knowledge about project management through storytelling. Stories by veteran project managers inside and outside the Agency capture the triumphs and challenges of projects large and small—sharing best practices and lessons learned in an engaging format.

**Forum of Masters Project Managers**
NASA recognizes the accomplishments of many of its top project managers with an invitation to APPL’s twice-yearly Masters Forum. Project managers engage in small- and large-group discussions, and learn from fellow practitioners invited to tell stories about their experiences working on high-profile projects. In addition, experts from other Federal Agencies, academia, and industry share their innovative, successful approaches to project management. The Masters Forum is a unique opportunity for project managers from all NASA Centers and Enterprises to engage in face-to-face dialog as they share knowledge across the Agency.

**Transfer Wisdom Workshops**
At one-day workshops hosted by individual Centers, project managers and team members engage in small-group discussions of stories written by top NASA project managers. An APPL team facilitates the discussions, as practitioners apply the stories to the challenges of their own work.

**Knowledge Sharing Workshops**
Because knowledge sharing isn’t a one-day event, APPL offers a follow-up program to the Transfer Wisdom Workshops. At half-day Knowledge Sharing Workshops, Center practitioners continue to learn from the stories of veteran managers, as they share their own experiences and develop as mature practitioners.

**Project Management Shared Experiences Program**
NASA project managers, engineers, and scientists, as well as senior executives from industry and international agencies gather at this annual conference to share project management initiatives and approaches, as well as best practices and lessons learned. NASA attendees are generally Level 3 and 4 project managers. PMSEP reinforces the Agency’s goal to be recognized as a world-class learning organization.

**Leaders as Teachers & Mentors**
This APPL initiative leverages the knowledge and experience of an identified set of current and retired Agency leaders and experts into a community of practice. The program gives formal recognition to leaders who give back to the Agency by sharing their expertise through guest lecturing, teaching, consulting, and mentoring.

To learn more about Knowledge Sharing and other APPL services, find contact information at [www.appl.nasa.gov](http://www.appl.nasa.gov).