

Opportunity Title: Optical Clock Integration
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How to Apply

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Application Deadline 2/28/2023 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description **Research Topic Description, including Problem Statement:**

Optical clocks can outperform traditional microwave clocks by factors of 100 to 1000 in stability and have become some of the most precise measurement devices ever built. However, current precision optical clocks are mostly laboratory-sized. While recent work by multiple groups around the world attempts to reduce the size of fieldable systems, the concepts being pursued are still trailer-size or full-instrument-rack in scale, at best. Significant miniaturization is necessary to achieve scalable, portable devices needed for future applications. Recent demonstrations have shown that ion optical clocks are particularly well suited to an integrated platform.

Example Approaches:

Research for this topic may include a variety of methods to demonstrate a path to a fully integrated portable ion clock.

Relevance to the Intelligence Community (IC):

Maintaining precise timing in the absence of GPS is a serious challenge. One approach to address this is via portable and ultra-stable clocks. We aim to develop a clock capable of holding nanosecond stability for a one month duration. The envisioned sensor will provide quality data at the resolution capable of supporting Alternative Positioning, Navigation and Timing applications.

Key Words: #Quantum Sensor; #Integrated Photonics; #Atomic Sensors; #Ion; #Optical Clock

Qualifications

Postdoc Eligibility

- U.S. citizens only
- Ph.D. in a relevant field must be completed before beginning the appointment and within five years of the application deadline
- Proposal must be associated with an accredited U.S. university, college, or U.S. government laboratory
- Eligible candidates may only receive one award from the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

Research Advisor Eligibility













- Must be an employee of an accredited U.S. university, college or U.S. government laboratory

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- Are not required to be U.S. citizens

**Eligibility
Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (17 )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** (21 )
 - **Engineering** (27 )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (48 )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (11 )
 - **Other Non-S&E** (2 )
 - **Other Physical Sciences** (12 )
 - **Other S&E-Related** (1 )
 - **Physics** (16 )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (29 )