

Opportunity Title: Electromagnetic field applications to subsurface research

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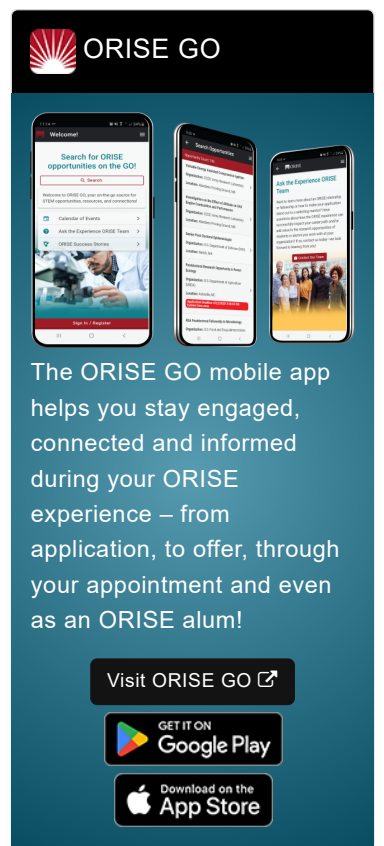
Application Deadline 4/15/2016 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The goal of this project is to develop geophysical methods for subsurface characterization. Geophysicists have used electrical and magnetic methods to explore the subsurface with varying degrees of success for some time. However, typically these methods are used for mineral exploration, and often require large arrays of hardware and long collection and processing times. Electromagnetic gradiometry studies, for example, have applied magnetotelluric principles to detect manmade subsurface structures (Stolarczyk et al, 2005, Defense and Security, pp. 994-1001; McKenna et al., 2013, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing 51:1, pp. 132-139), however these methods require a local EM source to illuminate the subsurface target. It may be possible to use natural ELF/VLF radio waves, or and ELF/VLF source generated remotely at a facility such as the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) in Alaska. We are interested in applications of EM methods for soil and rock characterization, determination of depth to bedrock, void detection, and groundwater characterization and/or assessment of subsurface municipal infrastructure.

Example Approaches


Proposals may be focused on theoretical, fabrication, or experimental aspects of geophysical applications of electromagnetic measurement. As such, a successful proposal could address one or more of the following questions or goals:


- Development of EM methods to rapidly detect secondary EM fields emanating from subsurface structures using natural or remote primary field generators (e.g., HAARP).
- Development of methods to rapidly process EM data to determine soil properties, depth to bedrock, or subsurface hydrology.
- Development of methods to assess municipal subsurface infrastructure (e.g., utility conduits, storm sewers)
- Exploration into the integration of EM detectors into small UAS




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platforms or other devices for use by a single person on foot.

- Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
 - **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Business** ([11](#) 👁)
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#) 👁)
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) 👁)
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([16](#) 👁)
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#) 👁)
 - **Engineering** ([27](#) 👁)
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) 👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([45](#) 👁)
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) 👁)
 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** ([13](#) 👁)
 - **Physics** ([16](#) 👁)
 - **Science & Engineering-related** ([1](#) 👁)
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([28](#) 👁)