

**Opportunity Title:** PSTAR: Planetary Science and Technology Through Analog Research

**Opportunity Reference Code:** 0040-NPP-MAR26-ABProg-Astrobio

**Organization** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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**How to Apply** All applications must be submitted in [Zintellect](#)

Please visit the NASA Postdoctoral Program website for application instructions and requirements: [How to Apply | NASA Postdoctoral Program \(orau.org\)](#).

A complete application to the NASA Postdoctoral Program includes:

1. Research proposal
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Official doctoral transcript documents

**Application Deadline** 3/1/2026 6:00:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** About the [NASA Postdoctoral Program](#)

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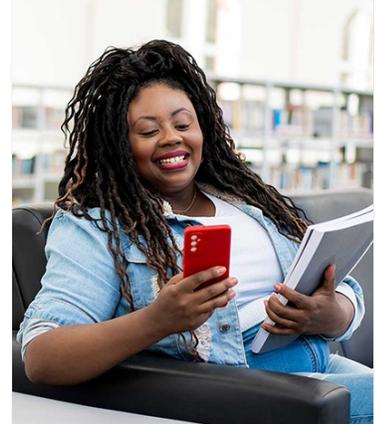
**Description:**

Planetary Science analog-mission research addresses the need for integrated interdisciplinary field experiments as an integral part of preparation for future human and robotic missions. Future astrobiological research associated with Solar System exploration requires the development of relevant, miniaturized instrumentation capable of extensive operations on lunar, asteroid, and planetary surfaces throughout the Solar System. To this end, and in collaboration with other Directorates at NASA and other agencies, the Planetary Science and Technology Through Analog Research (PSTAR) program includes investigations focused on exploring the relevant environments on Earth in order to develop a sound technical and scientific basis to conduct astrobiological research on other Solar System bodies.

Applicants who apply for this research opportunity and are subsequently selected for an NPP award are expected to attend the Astrobiology Graduate Conference (AbGradCon) and/or the Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon) using the travel funds that are conferred as part of the NPP award.

**Field of Science:** Astrobiology

**Advisors:**



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Eligibility is currently open to:

- U.S. Citizens;
- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR);

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- Foreign Nationals eligible for an Exchange Visitor J-1 visa status; and,
- Applicants for LPR, asylees, or refugees in the U.S. at the time of application with 1) a valid EAD card and 2) I-485 or I-589 forms in pending status

**Questions about this opportunity?** Please email [npp@orau.org](mailto:npp@orau.org)

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**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.