

Opportunity Title: Exobiology: Biosignatures and Life Elsewhere
Opportunity Reference Code: 0035-NPP-MAR26-ABProg-Astrobio

Organization National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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

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Description:

Research in this area focuses on relating what is known about life on Earth to conditions prevailing on other planetary bodies. This research includes assessments of the survivability of various types of Earth microorganisms and the formation and retention of biosignatures under non-Earth conditions (e.g., Mars, Europa). Also included under this research area are efforts to assess the potential habitability of planetary environments other than those found on the Earth.

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

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Eligibility is currently open to:

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

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Eligibility Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.