

Opportunity Title: Geology and Geophysics of Europa and Other Outer Planet Satellites

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Description:

The research is anticipated to involve geological mapping, modeling, and analysis of tectonic and/or geophysical processes relevant to Europa, and relation to other outer planet satellites. This research may include analysis of regional and global stress fields for fracture formation. Mapping using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools can be used to constrain the mechanisms and stresses of structure formation, and related research can help to derive the stress mechanisms that have affected the icy satellites through their preserved geological histories. Proposals on other related icy satellite processes (such as convection, internal evolution, mass wasting) are also welcome. Candidates should have a recent Ph.D. in geology, physics, or a related field with a strong background in geological and geophysical research. Experience in GIS-based mapping, tectonic modeling, and/or research relevant to the outer planets satellites is highly desirable.

Field of Science: Planetary Science

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- 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

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Qualifications Required: Ph.D. in planetary science, geology, physics, or a related field; Strong written and oral communication skills.

Desired: Prior experience in planetary science research; Quantitative programming skills; Experience with Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.

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