

Opportunity Title: Atomic Clocks and Quantum Sensors

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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:

Developing new enabling technologies that can be used in space for fundamental and applied sciences is the primary focus of our research efforts. Research activities range from basic concept studies, proof-of-principle demonstrations in the laboratory, and instrument implementation.

We develop atomic frequency standards, clocks, and related quantum sensor technologies for precision measurements in space. Strong technological synergy exists between clocks and sensors; both of them are related to precision frequency, phase, and time measurements. An example is the cold atom clock and atom interferometry sensors. Current research areas include 1) micro atomic clocks, 2) optical clocks with neutral atoms and trapped ions, 3) atom interferometer sensors, and 4) photonic quantum sensors. Opportunities also exist in formulating and conducting space fundamental physics research using the precision measurement methods and tools.

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Location:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

Field of Science: Technology Development

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- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR);
- Foreign Nationals eligible for an Exchange Visitor J-1 visa status; and,
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Eligibility Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.