

Opportunity Title: Petrological Evolution of Rocky Solar System Bodies

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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

Application Deadline 4/2/2026 6:00:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

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Description:

This opportunity includes studies of asteroids and rocky planetary bodies through analysis of meteorites and/or experiments. This work may span parent body processes, such as differentiation, metamorphism, alteration, regolith formation, and/or impact melting. This project may include collecting and analyzing geochemical data on either astromaterials or experimental products.

Field of Science: Cosmochemistry

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Eligibility is currently open to:

- U.S. Citizens;
- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR);
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Qualifications This opportunity requires completion of a doctoral degree in planetary science, earth science, geology, cosmochemistry, chemistry, mineralogy, or petrology. This opportunity requires experience with geochemical and petrological analysis of samples (either terrestrial or extraterrestrial). This opportunity requires undergraduate or graduate course work in at least four of the following areas: planetary science, earth science, cosmochemistry, chemistry, mineralogy, and petrology.

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