

**Opportunity Title:** Dynamics and Structure of Planetary Atmospheres

**Opportunity Reference Code:** 0002-NPP-MAR26-JPL-PlanetSci

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

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**Description:**

This research program is involved in understanding various aspects of the dynamics, structure, and chemistry of planetary atmospheres. Current investigations include studies of the dynamics and internal heat flow of Uranus and Neptune; atmospheric superrotation and circulation of Saturn's moon Titan; Saturn ring seismology to reveal properties of Saturn's interior; and the thermal structure and chemistry of exoplanetary atmospheres. Potential new projects include a study of atmospheric evolution in Super Earths.

Friedson, A.J. and Gonzales, E.J. (2016). Inhibition of Ordinary and Diffusive Convection in the Water Condensation Zone of the Ice Giants and Implications for Their Thermal Evolution. Submitted Manuscript, preprint available upon request.

**Location:**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Pasadena, California

**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

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

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