

Opportunity Title: Estimating and Studying the Global Ocean Ecology and Carbon Cycle Using Observations and Numerical Models

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Description About the [NASA Postdoctoral Program](#)

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Description:

The ocean is estimated to have absorbed ~50% of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions since the beginning of the industrial period. At steady state, based on preindustrial reservoir-size ratio and assuming a linear response, the ocean is expected to absorb ~95% of anthropogenic CO₂. As humanity continues to burn fossil fuels and change land cover, the rate and manner (i.e., deviations from a linear response) in which the ocean and land respond to the atmospheric perturbation will determine atmospheric CO₂ concentration and hence the amount of CO₂ greenhouse climate forcing. For the above reasons, quantification and mechanistic understanding of the oceanic carbon cycle is the subject of active research.

We seek a postdoctoral scholar who will work with a state-of-the-art, data-assimilating ocean biogeochemistry model called ECCO-Darwin to explore (i) physical and biogeochemical interactions in the land-sea continuum, (ii) ocean acidification, or (iii) other carbon cycle aspects in general (e.g., air-sea CO₂ exchange, oceanic sources/sinks). Such activities entail model development and evaluation, and working closely with the ECCO-Darwin team.

Candidates should have a recent PhD in Geosciences, Oceanography, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science, or a related field. Previous experience with ocean carbon cycle models, ideally with the MITgcm, would



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be highly desirable. Programming skills (FORTRAN, MATLAB and/or Python) and expertise in model output analysis are essential. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and the ability to work efficiently in a team as well as independently are required.

Location:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

Field of Science:Earth Science

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- 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@oraui.org

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