

**Opportunity Title:** Astrophysics: X-Ray Astronomy

**Opportunity Reference Code:** 0005-NPP-MAR26-MSFC-Astrophys

**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** 3/1/2026 6:00:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

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**Description:**

The X-ray Astronomy Team invites applications to perform observational or theoretical research in x-ray astronomy and high-energy astrophysics. Of particular interest are studies of x-ray polarization from cosmic sources—active galaxies, supernova remnants, pulsar wind nebulae, and accreting neutron stars and black holes. The Team leads the Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE), a NASA-ASI mission launched in 2021 December. In addition, the Team coordinates US archiving of data from the ART-XC instrument aboard Spectrum Röntgen Gamma, provides project science for the Chandra X-ray Observatory, and supports studies for future x-ray missions.

**Location:**

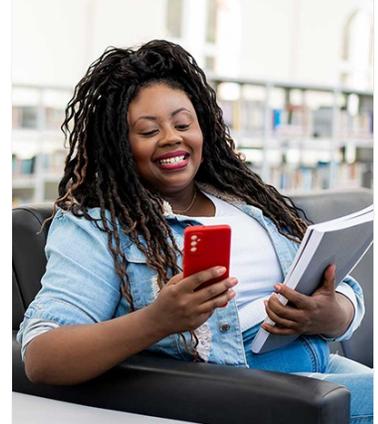
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- U.S. Citizens;
- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR);
- Foreign Nationals eligible for an Exchange Visitor J-1 visa status; and,
- Applicants for LPR, asylees, or refugees in the U.S. at the time of application with 1) a valid EAD card and 2) I-485 or I-589 forms in pending status

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

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