

**Opportunity Title:** Space Science: The Effect of Environmental Factors on Microbial Evolution

**Opportunity Reference Code:** 0024-NPP-MAR26-ARC-Astrobio

**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:**

The new field of Astrobiology hopes to apply expertise from diverse fields to questions of the origin, evolution, and ecology of life through the universe. Our laboratory is particularly interested in applicants who wish to apply technical and theoretical skills to questions of microbial evolution. Of particular interest is questions relating to the role of the environment in evolution, including the evolution of organisms that are at the environmental limits for life, ""extremophiles"".

**Location:**

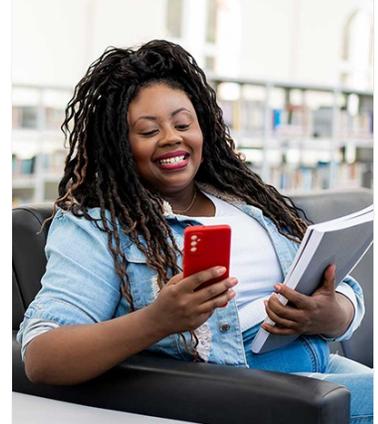
Ames Research Center  
Moffet Field, California

**Field of Science:**Astrobiology

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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](mailto:npp@oraui.org)

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