

**Opportunity Title:** The Nature of Early Solar System and Presolar materials

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

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**Description:**

Mineralogical and petrographic studies of extraterrestrial materials are performed at nanometer scales using primarily transmission electron microscopy techniques. Current research focuses on the studies of primitive early solar system materials preserved in meteorites and interplanetary dust particles, circumstellar and interstellar grains, and molecular cloud matter. These analyses are pursued in a coordinated fashion with other analytical instruments in our facilities including isotopic and spectroscopic analysis techniques. Our research is focused on gaining a better understanding of the conditions and processes that affected these primitive materials from their formation through their evolution.

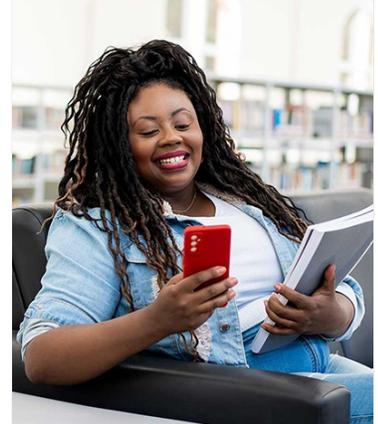
**Location:**

Johnson Space Center  
Houston, Texas

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

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**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.