

Opportunity Title: Geology and Tectonics of Mars

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Description:

The research will focus on the geologic interpretation of data returned by Mars orbiter and lander/rover missions. Areas currently being investigated include: the geology, geomorphology, rock distribution, and landscape development of the landing sites; the physical characteristics of the surface from remotely sensed data; the selection of landing sites for Mars landers and rovers currently under development; the geologic setting of layered sedimentary deposits; and the tectonics of structural features, regions and provinces. This research is closely tied to supporting the present Mars Exploration program in terms of selecting landing sites for landers and rovers using targeted orbital remote sensing data and understanding how the surfaces relate to remote sensing data.

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Location:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

Field of Science: Planetary Science

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- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR);
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- 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

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