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Opportunity Title: Solar System Exploration: Radiative Transfer Modeling of Infrared Spectra for Planetary Atmospheres
Opportunity Reference Code: 0038-NPP-MAR26-GSFC-PlanetSci

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:

Radiative transfer modeling of infrared observations of the planets and their satellites from spacecraft, balloons, and ground-based telescopes yield information on the thermal structure and composition of the atmospheres, as well as composition and temperatures of surfaces. For example, infrared spectra returned from the Voyager 1 and 2 IRIS and Cassini CIRS instruments at the outer planets, and the Mars Global Surveyor TES and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter CRISM instruments at Mars have allowed for the retrieval of atmospheric temperatures, gas abundances, aerosol composition, optical depth and physical properties. The objective of this task is the development of radiative transfer models and retrieval algorithms to quantitatively characterize the state of planetary atmospheres.

Location:
Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland

Field of Science: Planetary Science

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Eligibility is currently open to:

- 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

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Eligibility Requirements
- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.