

**Opportunity Title:** Mid-infrared Laser and Lidar Development  
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**Organization** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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**Description:**

A research group in the laser remote sensing branch, engineering directorate at NASA Langley research center focus on laser and lidar developments that is relevant to NASA's earth science priorities. The research group develops solid state laser technology that is more efficient, compact and powerful to provide capabilities meeting the laser transmitter requirements called out in the missions by the recent Earth Science Decadal Survey. In particular, the group develops the state-of-the-art mid-IR lasers at 2-micron wavelength for global wind and CO2 measurements. In addition, the group also works on precisely laser wavelength tuning, wavelength locking, wavelength switching and laser wavelength conversion by non-linear optics techniques various remote sensing instrument needs.

The research group also develops lidar system for atmospheric wind and trace gas measurements in the ground and airborne platforms, that include design of telescope and aft optics, precisely beam controlling, detector characterization, signal processing algorithm development. The field deployment of these lidars supports Earth science missions.

**Location:**

Langley Research Center  
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**Field of Science:** Technology Development

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