

**Opportunity Title:** Development of infrared detectors and focal plane arrays for space instruments

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

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**Description:**

Infrared Photonics group is working on development of new generation of mid- and long-wavelength infrared imagers and spectrometers for future Earth and planetary science missions. These imagers, based on semiconductor detectors, will provide enhanced sensitivity, better spatial and spectral resolutions, and higher operating temperatures than currently existing technologies. These devices utilize novel unipolar barrier detector architectures as well as new materials such as GaSb-based alloys and superlattices. [1, 2, 3] The postdoctoral researcher will have a unique opportunity to work on different aspects of the infrared technology including: (1) Design and bandgap engineering of semiconductor superlattices; (2) Material characterization; (3) Device microfabrication; (4) Single pixel detector and focal plane array characterization; (5) Integration and testing of infrared cameras and spectrometers. The specific research project will be selected based on the researcher interests and experience.

References:

1. D. Z. Ting, A. Soibel, S. A. Keo, C. J. Hill, J. M. Mumolo, L. Hifglund, J. Nguyen, A. Khoshakhlagh, Sir B. Rafol, J. K. Liu, and S. D. Gunapala, "Mid- and Long-Wavelength Barrier Infrared Detectors," in The Wonder of Nanotechnology: Quantum Optoelectronic Devices and Applications, M. Razeghi, L. Esaki, and K. von Klitzing, Eds., SPIE Press, Bellingham, WA,



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

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