

**Opportunity Title:** Imaging Spectroscopy Data Analysis for the EMIT Mission

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

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**Description:**

NASA's EMIT mission (anticipated launch 2022) will use imaging spectroscopy, also known as hyperspectral imaging, to measure the composition of the Earth's mineral dust source regions. It will measure Earth's solar-reflected energy in the UV through Shortwave Infrared at approximately 7 nm spectral resolution, similar to precursor instruments like Hyperion and AVIRIS.

We seek a researcher who will collaborate with our science team to develop and refine our science data analyses. These analyses could potentially include but are not limited to probabilistic and Bayesian retrieval methods for modeling surface, atmosphere, and instrument, and high-fidelity instrument radiometric and spectral calibration. The ideal candidate will have strong mathematics and computer science expertise, with an interest in Earth surface science, remote sensing, physics, and imaging spectroscopy.

JPL's imaging spectroscopy group includes a wide range of expertise ranging from Earth science to instrument design, optical layout, software and electronics, mechanical design, deployment, and science data analysis. Spectroscopy is a diverse, interdisciplinary field with an intellectually stimulating and fun stock of challenges to engage and overcome!



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**Location:**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Pasadena, California

**Field of Science:**Earth Science

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- 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@oraui.org](mailto:npp@oraui.org)

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