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1. Research proposal
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Official doctoral transcript documents

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Description:

Our group pursues theoretical and observational studies of extrasolar planetary systems, both mature ones and those in the process of forming. Theoretical work includes modeling of planet formation and planet-disk interactions, studying the dynamics of planetary systems, designing high-contrast imaging instruments, and understanding the range of exoplanet properties. Observational work includes studies of protoplanetary and debris disk abundances and compositions using UV to sub-mm spectroscopy, as well as searches for planets and disks around nearby stars using coronagraphic imaging. For our observational studies, we use a wide variety of telescopes and instruments, including the Hubble Space Telescope, the Atacama Large Millimeter Array, the James Webb Space Telescope, and ground-based coronagraphs. We also pursue science studies in support of future space telescopes aimed at direct detection and characterization of extrasolar planets.

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Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland

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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.