

Opportunity Title: Astrophysics: Extragalactic Astronomy -- Active Galactic Nuclei, Clusters of Galaxies, and the Cosmic Web

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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:

This research opportunity includes extragalactic astronomical research that focuses on observational studies of galaxy clusters and/or active galactic nuclei (AGN). Programs may use NASA observatories such as the Hubble Space Telescope (HST), Chandra, XMM, Spitzer, GALEX, NASA ground-based telescopes such as Keck or IRTF, ground-based optical/infrared observatories (KPNO, CTIO, Gemini, CFHT), or radio observatories such as the Very Large Array and ALMA. AGN programs are designed to illuminate the activation and fueling of quasars, Seyfert galaxies, and powerful radio galaxies, and the feedback upon their host galaxies and larger surroundings. Also relevant are absorption line studies of ""cosmic web"" material intervening between background quasars and UV spectrographs onboard FUSE and HST. Ongoing spectroscopic and imaging studies of galaxy clusters address the evolution of clusters and the effect of the cluster environment on the evolution of the constituent galaxies.

Location:

Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland



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Field of Science: Astrophysics

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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@orau.org

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