

Opportunity Title: NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow in Large scale hydrology

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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

Application Deadline 3/1/2026 6:00:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

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Description:

The storage and movement of water around or planet is linked to numerous climatological, chemical and biological processes. I conduct research using satellite observations and numerical simulations to better understand and characterize variability of water at the land surface - i.e. in soils, snow and groundwater - to help in predictions of future water availability, global water cycle dynamics and sea level change, and to better understand hydrologic extremes like flood and drought.

A postdoctoral fellow will participate in observation and/or modeling of the terrestrial water cycle. Generally, this work is to identify phenomena and processes in satellite observations that can inform and improve our understanding and ability to simulate the terrestrial water cycle and its relationship with global climate.

Observational work would include data from GRACE, SMAP, GPM or in-situ stations. Model diagnosis and analysis can include CLM, VIC, CLSM, and LIS frameworks including GLDAS and NLDAS. Model development work could focus on moving towards hyper-resolution land surface representations, assimilation or observations, or downscaling and improvement of forcing data.



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Location:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

Field of Science:Earth Science

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Eligibility is currently open to:

- U.S. Citizens;
- 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 • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.

Requirements