

**Opportunity Title:** Galactic and extragalactic ISM and Star Formation

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

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**Description** The area of research of our group is the study of the properties of the interstellar medium and how they relate to the formation and evolution of molecular clouds, the formation of stars, and the feedback effects that newly formed stars have on their parent molecular clouds. These processes together drive the evolution of galaxies. We use far-infrared and sub-millimeter spectral line emission, such as from ions [CII] and [NII], atoms such as [CI], and molecules including CO and its isotopologues. The technology to observe such spectral lines has been recently dramatically expanded by missions such as Herschel and SOFIA, and there is an ongoing technological effort to develop the next generation of instruments that will help us to understand even further how the Milky Way and other galaxies evolve. We are seeking postdoctoral fellows who will use data from Herschel and SOFIA to study the properties of the interstellar medium in our Galaxy and nearby galaxies, with the focus in relating what can be learned in the local universe to high redshift galaxies. We thus are expecting to use the Milky Way and low-metallicity nearby galaxies such as the Magellanic Clouds, as "templates" for understanding galaxies throughout the universe.

**Location:**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Pasadena, California

**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



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