

**Opportunity Title:** Tectonics and Evolution of the Terrestrial Planets

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

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**Description** Earth-like planets, including exoplanets. This research will contribute to understanding planetary evolution and habitability by examining the links between interior, surface, and atmospheric evolution. Specific topics include modeling of the following processes:

- > factors that influence heat flow such as crustal and elastic thickness, volcanic history, and near surface thermal properties.
- > Interior thermal evolution and the role of mantle plumes on affecting surface geology and volatile evolution.
- > Tectonic processes that provides constraints on thermal evolution, such as rifting
- > Surface processes that provide constraints on the history of resurfacing on Venus, including possible signatures of climate change.

Modeling approaches include analytic and numerical methods. Model constraints come from data analysis of gravity, topography, radar, imaging, and surface temperature data.

Smrekar, S.E. and Sotin, C., Constraints on mantle plumes on Venus: Implications for volcanism and volatile history, Icarus, doi:10.1016/j.icarus.2011.09.011, 2012. Smrekar, S.E., E.R. Stofan, N. Mueller, A. Treiman, L. Elkins-Tanton, J. Helbert, G. Piccioni, and P. Drossart

**Location:**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Pasadena, California

**Field of Science:** Planetary Science

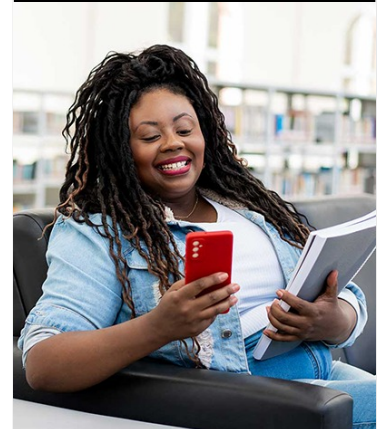
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- Applicants for LPR, asylees, or refugees in the U.S. at the time of



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