

2012 Heliophysics Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Deadline for Applications 11 January 2012

How to apply:

Qualified scientists are encouraged to apply by sending the following materials to the UCAR Visiting Scientist Programs.

U.S. citizenship is not required for application to this Program, but the selected postdoctoral fellows must be hosted at a U.S. research institution. Appointed scientists are employees of UCAR. The two-year fellowships include a fixed annual salary and benefits: health & dental insurance, paid time off, paid holidays, mandatory participation in TIAA/CREF retirement fund, and life insurance. A relocation allowance is provided as well as an allowance for travel to scientific conferences and other support costs.

Step 1

Please apply at [UCAR Employment Opportunities](#).

You will be asked to provide the following materials for your application, *in one PDF document, in the order numbered below*. It may be helpful for you to complete these documents prior to applying using the UCAR Employment Opportunities link above.

1. Cover letter identifying the name of this program
2. CV including publication list
3. Names/contact information of at least four professional references
4. PhD dissertation abstract, including title
5. Titled project description, not to exceed five pages including figures and appendices but not references. Proposals must describe actual research project. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with host in writing proposal
6. Statement of relevance to the *NASA Living with a Star* program, not to exceed one page. See <http://lws.gsfc.nasa.gov>.

Step 2

Send the following materials to the UCAR Visiting Scientist Programs at vspapply@ucar.edu:

- Applicants are responsible for contacting four referees to have letters sent to UCAR/VSP by the application deadline. One letter must be from thesis advisor, but not from a potential host, and letters from more than one institution are encouraged. Referees should be directed to the **[online reference requirements](#)**.

Reference letters should be sent electronically, but we will accept hard copies by fax (303) 497-8668. If unable to send electronically, please mail to:

UCAR Visiting Scientist Programs
P.O. Box 3000
Boulder, CO 80307-3000 USA

Host Applicants:

Qualified hosts are encouraged to apply by sending the following materials to the UCAR Visiting Scientist Programs office at vspapply@ucar.edu:

- Letter of intent to host applicant and plans for mentoring (2-page limit)
- CV including publications (1-page limit)
- List of current and pending research support

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Guidelines for reference letters and hosting letters of intent:

- Reference letters should include assessment of the applicant's level of scholarship, including placement in class, scientific potential, and qualifications for postdoctoral research.
- The primary objective of this fellowship program is to grow the pool of scientists needed for a specific objective. Comments regarding the applicant will be treated confidentially and will be used by the steering committee to help determine both strengths and weaknesses of the applicant. Any specific comments regarding the applicant's ability to work independently, to pursue new topics, and to interact with others are very useful.
- Potential hosting scientists should submit a Letter of Intent to Host the applicant, explaining plans for mentoring. Potential hosts should not provide a letter of reference for the applicant. Letters of Intent should include a one-page CV and a list of current and pending research support.

The deadline for applications is January 11, 2012. Appointments will be announced in March.

Need more information? Call 303-497-1605 or email: vspapply@ucar.edu

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