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Postdoctoral Fellowship in Lunar & Asteroid Exploration Science - Petrology and Geochemistry

The Universities Space Research Association's Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in lunar and asteroid exploration science for a full-time exempt position in the Houston, Texas area. The successful candidate will join Dr. David A. Kring and over two dozen other scientists in the Center for Lunar Science and Exploration, which is one of nine national centers of excellence supported by NASA's Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute. The main goals of the Center's activities are to address NASA's highest lunar and asteroid exploration science objectives, including activities in preparation of robotic and crewed landings.

Applications from those with recent Ph.D.s in the fields of petrology and geochemistry are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will work at LPI and use the analytical facilities at the adjacent NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC). Previous experience with lunar samples, chondritic meteorites, and/or impact lithologies will be advantageous, but is not required.

USRA offers a competitive salary and benefits package. If there are any questions about the science involved in the position, please contact Dr. David A. Kring (kring@lpi.usra.edu). Interested applicants should apply to the posting at <https://usracareers.silkroad.com/> and must submit a curriculum vita with list of publications, a two to three page statement of research interests, and a list of three references. There is no firm application deadline, although a review of applications will begin January 7, 2015.

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