Postdoctoral Researchers in Lunar Science

The Universities Space Research Association’s Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), in Houston TX, invites applications for several postdoctoral fellowships in lunar science and exploration.

Successful candidates will join Dr. David A. Kring and over two dozen other scientists in the new Center for Lunar Science and Exploration (CLSE), which was recently selected to form part of the science core of the NASA Lunar Science Institute (NLSI). The goals of the Center’s activities are to address NASA’s highest lunar science priorities and assist with a new generation of exploration activities in preparation of a crewed landing in 2020. Successful candidates will work at LPI and/or in the Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science (ARES) group at the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in one of three areas:

- Petrologic and geochemical analyses of lunar impact lithologies
- Petrologic and geochemical analyses of the lunar regolith
- Spectral and/or image analyses of the lunar surface using orbital data

Successful candidates must have a recent Ph.D. in petrology, geochemistry, or planetary remote sensing. The positions will be for two years. Applicants should send

- a letter of interest citing this CLSE advertisement
- a curriculum vita with a list of publications
- a two to three page statement of research interests
- a list of three references

to resume@lpi.usra.edu. There is no firm application deadline although the first review of applications will begin May 1, 2009.

Candidates should feel free to contact Dr. Kring at kring@lpi.usra.edu. Additional details of the new lunar science and exploration program are available at

www.lpi.usra.edu/nlsi