The Universities Space Research Association (USRA), a nonprofit consortium of universities, invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in lunar science and exploration 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 new Center for Lunar Science and Exploration, which is one of seven national centers of excellence supported by NASA’s Lunar Science Institute. The main goals of the Center’s activities are to address NASA’s highest lunar science priorities, and to assist with a new generation of exploration activities in preparation of robotic and crewed landings.

We invite applications from those with recent Ph.D.s in the fields of petrology and geochemistry. The successful candidate will work at Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) and use the analytical facilities at the adjacent NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC). Previous experience with lunar samples 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 submit a curriculum vita with list of publications, a two to three page statement of research interests, and a list of three references to resume@hou.usra.edu. There is no firm application deadline, although a review of applications will begin January 7, 2011.

Additional details of the new lunar and science exploration program are available at www.lpi.usra.edu/nlsi.

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