

## Available Postdoc Position

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<b>Position ID Number</b>	100015
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<b>Date of Best Consideration</b>	12/31/21
<b>Application Close Date</b>	12/31/21
<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>	1/19/22
<b>Job Website</b>	
<b>Job Location</b>	Berkeley
<b>Is remote work possible?</b>	No
<b>CIP Codes</b>	3.2 Astronomy and Astrophysics

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**Job Description**

Built six decades ago, UC Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory (SSL) was the realization of NASA's vision to gather many of the most innovative and dedicated science minds in one place at Berkeley. In the hill above Berkeley, physicists, researchers, biologists, engineers and technicians worked in unison: interacting, learning from one another, leading, challenging and inspiring one another in creating cutting-edge space science instrumentation and conducting top research. Through sixty years of NASA-funded support, their efforts, and those of hundreds of dedicated students and staff, have brought about myriad highlights, such as the space science missions of S3-3, ISEE, Polar, Van Allen Probes, Cluster, IMAGE, THEMIS and MAVEN. All have contributed to new discoveries about the physics of space, and initiated marked new advances in engineering technology. The General Antiparticle Spectrometer (GAPS) is a NASA funded high altitude balloon mission, designed to detect antinuclei (antiprotons, antideuterons, and antihelium) in cosmic rays with high sensitivity, as messengers of dark matter processes in the galaxy. We are searching for a Postdoctoral Scholar with strong instrumentation experience who will join us as we prepare our payload for an Antarctic high-altitude balloon flight. The instrument includes several technologies such as silicon radiation detectors, custom electronics, thermal systems, monitoring sensors and computers. We are interested in someone who is self-motivated and proactive in a laboratory setting. You will be working closely with our experienced team of engineers at the Space Sciences Laboratory and the larger GAPS collaboration. Key job duties include: Participating in our international science collaboration by giving presentations on video conferences and collaboration meetings, Preparing papers for publication, Instrument and payload mechanical, electrical and software integration, Instrument calibration, Functional and environmental (thermal/vacuum) testing, Participation in integration and launch campaigns, Operating the payload and instrument in flight.

**Required Qualifications**

Basic qualifications(required at time of application)  
PhD (or equivalent international degree) or enrolled in a  
PhD (or equivalent international degree) program  
Additional qualifications(required at time of start)  
PhD (or equivalent international degree)  
No more than three years of post-degree research  
experience

**Desired Qualifications**

PhD (or equivalent international degree) in physics or  
astrophysics, Experience with radiation detection  
(semiconductor and scintillator detectors), Experience  
with electronics design, operation and/or debugging,  
Experience with instruments in space or harsh  
environments and/or delicate systems, Experience with  
writing, maintaining, and collaborating on software

**Minimum Monthly Salary** \$0

**Maximum Monthly Salary** \$0

**Special Instructions for Applicants**

Curriculum Vitae, Cover Letter (optional), Statement of Research, Statement on Contributions to Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Optional), Publication List (Optional), 1-3 letters of reference, Application link - <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/JPF03253>

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**Opportunities for teaching?**

No

**Opportunities for supervision/mentoring?**

No

**Opportunities for communitiy outreach?**

Yes

**Position keywords**

particle physics high altitude balloon mission

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