



The [Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics](#) at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for the position of Morrison Postdoctoral Fellow in Astronomy. For this year's Morrison Fellowship we are specifically targeting *exoplanetary science*. UCSC is the home of the University of California Observatories (UCO), with facilities including the Lick and Keck Observatories and Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) International Observatory. It is also one of the world's leading centers for research in computational astrophysics. The 3000-core Hyades cluster is the on-campus centerpiece of UCSC computational astrophysics. Close collaborations exist between Astronomy & Astrophysics, Physics, Earth & Planetary Sciences, and Applied Mathematics & Statistics.

Applicants should be able to contribute to the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics in exoplanetary science investigations that are either observational or theoretical in nature. Morrison Fellows are expected to carry out original research, independently or in collaboration with faculty, postdoctoral fellows, or students from the department, neighboring departments, and the University of California Observatories.

RANK: Postdoctoral Scholar Fellow

SALARY: \$60,000 annually, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in Physics, Astronomy, Planetary Sciences, or a related field.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Ability to work well independently; strong communication and interpersonal skills.

POSITION AVAILABLE: September 1, 2016 (negotiable). Ph.D. in hand at time of appointment

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: This is a one year appointment with the possibility of reappointment up to three years. Should the hiring unit propose reappointment, an annual review will be conducted.

TO APPLY: Please send a curriculum vitae, 3-page summary of past and current research, 3-page research proposal, list of publications, and three letters of recommendation* sent by letter writer, directly to AstroRecruit@ucsc.edu. You will receive email verification that your electronic submission has been received; please inquire if you do not receive verification. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Please always refer to position # PS-ASTRO-MF in the email subject header.

Inquiries: Please contact Jonathan Fortney at AstroRecruit@ucsc.edu.

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CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on December 07, 2015. To ensure full consideration, application materials and letters of recommendation should be received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2016.

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