



**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES**  
**Assistant Professor in Planetary Sciences**

The [Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences](#) (EPS) at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for a position in planetary sciences, at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants' research should focus primarily on processes and bodies in this solar system (other than Earth). We are interested in candidates concentrating on research areas that include, but are not restricted to: planetary surface processes, planetary magnetism, accretionary/orbital dynamics, and cosmochemistry. We also welcome qualified applicants whose technical expertise will build upon or complement our existing strengths in areas such as planetary interiors and planetary atmospheres.

The successful candidate is expected to develop a vigorous, externally-funded research program, supervise research by graduate and undergraduate students, advise graduate students in their research area, develop and teach courses within the undergraduate and graduate curriculum, and perform university and professional service. The successful candidate must be able to work with students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service.

The Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences consists of 20 faculty, ~50 graduate students, ~200 undergraduate majors, and an outstanding technical support and administrative staff. Additionally, EPS faculty can take advantage of existing collaborations, or establish new ones, with faculty from affiliated departments (especially Astronomy and Astrophysics and Applied Math and Statistics), and nearby institutions, such as NASA Ames Research Center and the SETI Institute.

**RANK:** Assistant Professor

**SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience; academic year (9-month) basis

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** PhD or equivalent foreign degree in Earth or Planetary Sciences or a related field, expected to be conferred no later than June 30, 2016; a demonstrated record of research.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated excellence in research; potential to obtain external funding, and a commitment to, and talent for, teaching at graduate and undergraduate levels.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** July 1, 2016, with academic year commencing September 2016. PhD must be conferred by June 30, 2017 for employment beyond that date.

**TO APPLY:** Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include a curriculum vitae (with a list of publications), a brief summary of research and teaching interests, contact information for four people prepared to write a letter of recommendation\*, and three to ten examples of published material. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through research, teaching, and/or service. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Apply at <https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00316>

Refer to Position #**JPF00316-16** in all correspondence.

\*All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC's confidentiality statement at <http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm>

**CLOSING DATE:** Review of applications will begin on **November 24, 2015**. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2016.

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