

EXPLORE SCIENCE

Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Program

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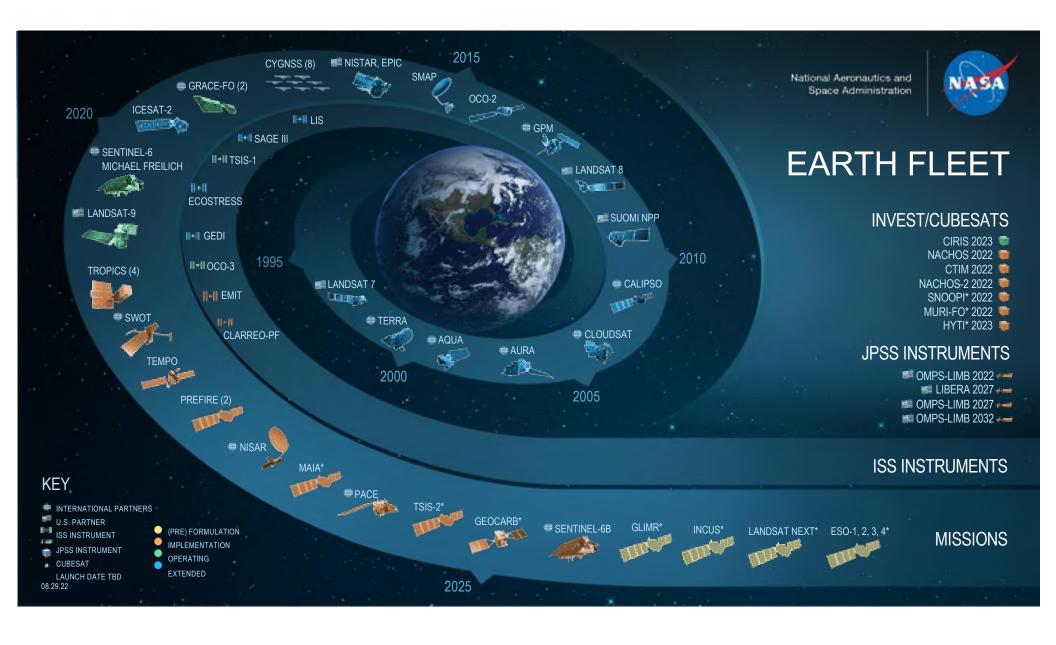
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https://cce.nasa.gov/ocean_biology_biogeochemistry/index.html

https://go.nasa.gov/PhOcean

https://astrobiology.nasa.gov/nai/index.html



Career Development Programs

- NASA has many student and early career programs; read all about them here: https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/earlycareer-opportunities
- NASA Postdoctoral Program (https://npp.orau.org)
 - Provides opportunities for postdoctoral fellows to work at NASA
 Centers. NPP provides opportunities to conduct cutting edge scientific
 research consistent with NASA's and SMD's strategic objectives, and
 provides the opportunity to recruit the finest early career scientists for
 short-term, focused research opportunities. It also serves the purpose
 of infusing new skills into, and revitalize, both new and existing
 research groups.

Early Career Award (ECA) Program

Scope

- To support research, professional development, and community involvement of outstanding early-career scientists, in areas supported by the Planetary Sciences Division.
- Approximately <u>five awards per year</u>, each <u>up to \$200k</u> (made one time, must be used within five years)
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Early Career Programs

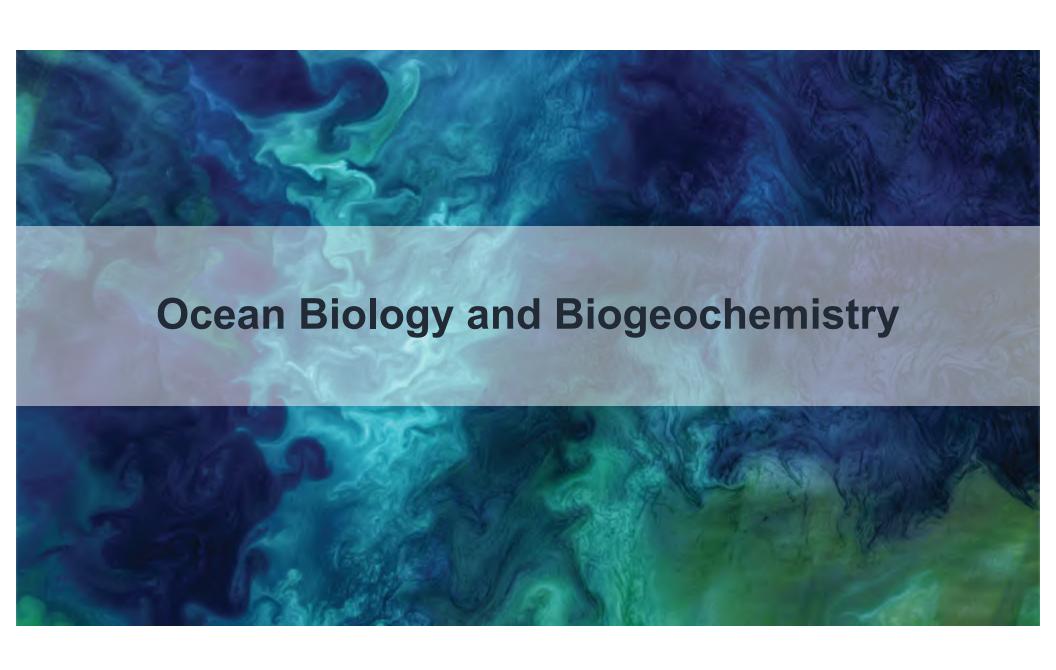
- New Investigators Program (NIP)
- The NIP supports outstanding scientific research and career development of scientists and engineers at the early stages of their professional careers
- NASA places particular emphasis on the PI's ability to promote and increase the use of space-based remote sensing through the proposed research
- Solicited every three 3 years; next solicitation expected in 2023

Special features:

- In general, early career is defined as having obtained Ph.D. degree within seven years
- Single PI as the only essential member of an NIP proposal; collaboration encouraged (no Institutional or Science PI; no Co-I's)
- Average award size \$100K/year

Student Programs

- Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Sciences and Technology (FINESST)
 - FINESST is an annual solicitation, and succeeds the NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (NESSF).
 - The purpose is to provide relevant research and/or technology development project training in disciplines needed to achieve the goals of NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD).
 - FINESST grants (up to \$50K/ year) are for student-designed research projects that contribute to NASA SMD's science, technology, and exploration goals.
 - Awards are grants to institutions, with the advisor as the Principal Investigators (PI) and the and the graduate student researcher as the Future Investigator (FI).
 - FINESST is a GRANT program for PI led research teams, not a FELLOWSHIP program that students apply to.
- Internships and other opportunities

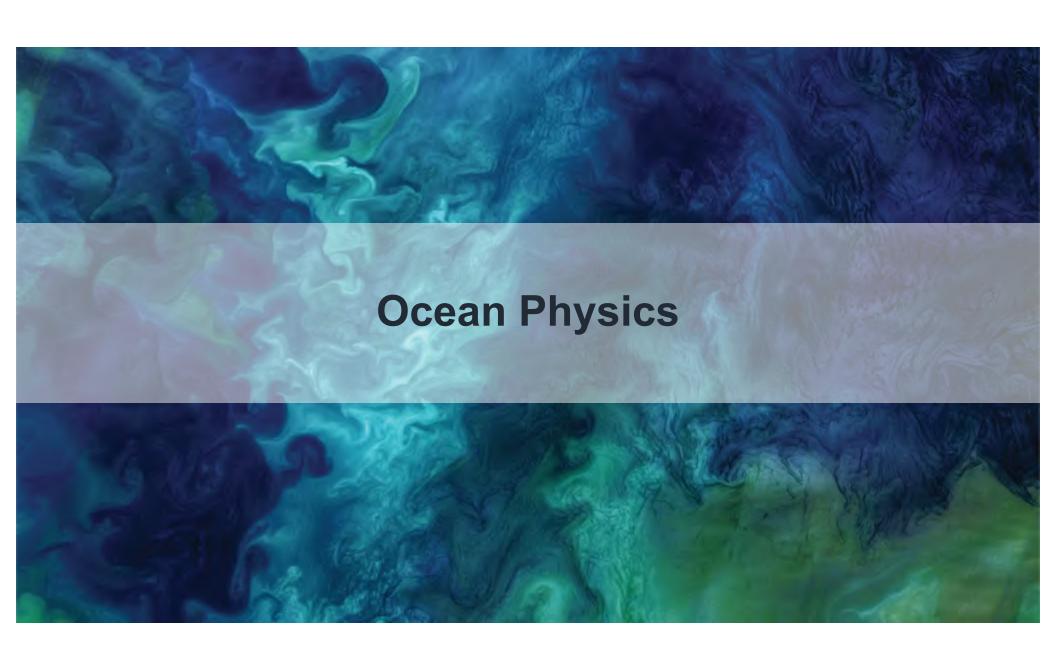


OBB focuses on describing, understanding, and predicting the biological, ecological, and biogeochemical regimes of the upper ocean. It uses **in-situ** and airborne data, together with remote sensing data, to:

- Understand and quantifying the impacts and feedbacks of Earth System processes, particularly oceanographic mechanisms, on the global and regional spatial and temporal variability of ocean biology, ecology, and biogeochemistry.
- Explore the development of new biological, ecological, and biogeochemical observations from space-based assets.
- Improve future climate predictions (impacts and feedbacks) by incorporating a dynamic understanding of ocean biology, ecology, and biogeochemistry into global biogeochemical and ecological models.

How do we do this?

- Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry: every 3 years; topics change in response to community-identified priorities
- Carbon Monitoring System: Annual or bi-annual
- Carbon Cycle Science: every 3 years; topics change in response to community-identified priorities
- Interdisciplinary Science: every 3 years
- Terra/Aqua/SNPP: every 3 years; topics center around T/A/SNPP
- New Investigators (NIP): Annual
- FINESST: Annual
- Remote Sensing of Water Quality: every 3 years
- Periodical opportunities across other program elements (e.g. BDV or one-off opportunities)



Ocean Physics at NASA















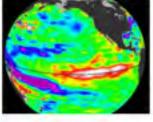




Physical Oceanography (PO)



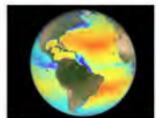
Sea Level Change (N-SLCT)



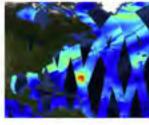
Ocean Surface Topography (OSTST)



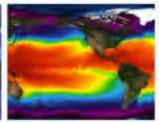
Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT)



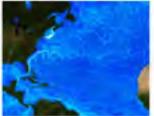
Ocean Surface Salinity (OSST)



Ocean Vector Winds (OVWST)

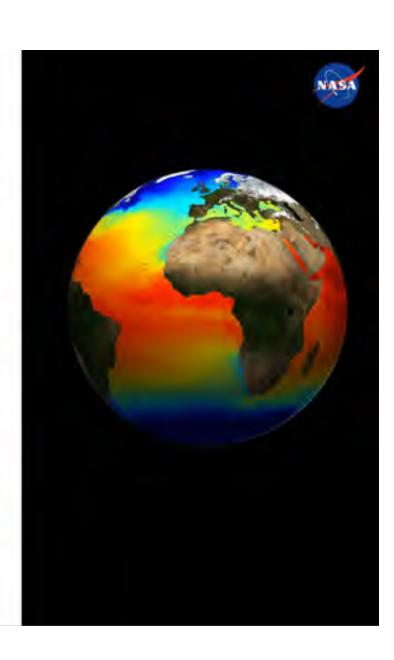


Sea Surface Temperature (SST)



Estimating Circulation and Climate of the Ocean (ECCO)





A note on proposal writing and process...

The best way to learn to write proposals is to write them. Start early — when not getting funded doesn't matter.

The Program Officer is the interface between the funding agency and you. Call them or email them with questions.

Request a debriefing on unsuccessful proposals.

Don't annoy your reviewers!

Agree/Volunteer to serve on Review Panels! It is never too early to start gaining proposal experience!

If you remember nothing else, please remember... The opportunities are available: find them, learn them, make them yours. READ the solicitations carefully!