



Mendenhall Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/mendenhall>



About the program

- Provides research experiences with USGS scientists and access to Survey facilities
- Positions the Fellow favorably for a future USGS hire (but it's not guaranteed!)
- Full GS-12 salary and benefits for 2 years, with optional 2-year extension (if you find funding)
- Requirements:
 - U.S. Citizens (born or naturalized), with *extremely* few exceptions for non-citizens
 - PhD awarded no earlier than 5 years from the application opening date, or completed when employments starts
- Deadlines are variable depending on the project
 - All applications through USAJobs



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Mendenhall - Current Research Opportunities (updated 4/16/2020)

RO #	Research Opportunity Title	Proposed Duty Station	Research Advisor(s)	Closing Date	Apply Here
S49	Geomorphology of landscapes altered by wildfires and humans	Moffett Field, CA	Jonathan Stock, Jonathan Perkins, Corina Cerovski-Darriau, Kevin Schmidt, Kim Perkins	5/01/2020	Apply Here
S46	Innovative land change science techniques and applications	Sioux Falls, SD	Jesslyn Brown, Kristi Sayler, Heather Tollerud	6/03/2020	Apply Here
S48	Developing quantitative models for ecological transport processes in rivers	Columbia, MO	Robert Jacobson	4/15/2020	Closed
S47	Investigating the subaqueous sedimentary record of the M7.1 Anchorage earthquake	Santa Cruz, CA	Danny Brothers, Peter Haeussler, Rob Witter, Jenna Hill	3/18/2020	Closed
S42	Improving regional earthquake-triggered landslide and liquefaction models for southeast Alaska and beyond	Golden, CO	Eric Thompson, Kate Allstadt, Randall Jibson, Alex Grant, Rob Witter	1/31/2020	Closed
18-2	Earthquake ground motions and seismic hazard in the Pacific Northwest	Seattle, WA	Erin Wirth, Art Frankel, Alex Grant, Morgan Moschetti, William Stephenson	1/06/2020	Closed

Applying

- Choose a project aligned with your skills and goals
- Contact the sponsors *first* – they can help you develop your research proposal and give other guidance on your application
- The research proposal (8 pages MAX):
 - research objective(s);
 - links to USGS science program strategy;
 - how and where research is to be conducted;
 - name of Research Advisor(s) -- listed in the Research Opportunity description;
 - required scientific facilities.



Applying

- Budget (get help with this!)
- References
- Required documents
 - CV (special format)
 - Transcripts
 - List of publications
 - Veterans preference documentation, foreign education documentation, etc.
- Be prepared for a background check if you're offered the position
 - Identity documents, past addresses, character references



Successful applications



- Must address the **USGS scientific needs** described in the Research Opportunity
- Look for **key words and phrases** and make sure you talk about them in your Research Proposal AND your CV!
- Be succinct and give the most concrete plans you can
- Discuss the big picture
- Don't apply without **coordinating with the Research Advisors**
- **USAJobs** is tricky – follow instructions to the letter!
- Check USAJobs often for updates on your status
- Make sure that the project is in a place where you want to live AND that you can afford the moving expenses

Contact me with questions!

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