

Einstein Fellowship Program

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- Postdoctoral Fellowship Program sponsored by NASA, administered by the CXC.
- Fellowships awarded to recent Ph.D.s for research into 'Physics of the Cosmos' Science: **high energy astrophysics, cosmology, gravitational wave physics.**
- Missions covered include **Chandra, Fermi, Planck, WFIRST, LISA**, future missions and related missions (e.g. XMM, SWIFT).
- Research conducted at U.S. host institutions.
- Other NASA programs are **Hubble** and **Sagan**.

Einstein Fellowship Program: Steady State

- Typically 12 Fellowships approved and accepted each year. Highly competitive (~10-15x oversubscribed)
- Only one Einstein Fellow per Host Institution per year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fellows Symposium Oct 27-28 at CfA
http://cxc.harvard.edu/fellows/program_2015.html
- Application deadline Nov 5, 2015 (typically ~150-180 applications).
- Selection panel (~14) reviews applications starting mid-Nov, meets mid-Jan. Offers made within 1-2 days. Acceptances by mid-Feb.

Einstein Fellowship Program: Perturbations

- **EMPLOYMENT STATUS OPTIONS**

- NASA HQ requested that all 3 fellowships follow the same model, e.g., allow either employee or stipendiary status.
- Status affects *health insurance, taxes, visa status, leave, travel regulations, disability, workmen's comp, retirement, life insurance, paperwork.*

- **YEARS SINCE PhD SOFTENED**

- to be more family friendly, we now allow applicants (from current 3) up to 4 years since PhD
- justification required >2 weeks before application deadline

- **HOST ENDORSEMENT LETTERS ONLY REQUIRED UPON OFFER**

- **NEW ALUMNI MENTORS PROGRAM**

- Contacted all ~92 alumni to help backfill our new DB with alumni employment history and publications.
- Solicited volunteer mentors for current fellows.