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.