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Reply to Attn of:

SMD/Planetary Science Division

Dr. Paul Withers
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Dear Dr. Withers:

We have completed the review and evaluation process for the Early Career Fellowship (ECF) under the Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science – 2007 (ROSES-2007). I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected as a Fellow under your parent proposal "Analysis of SPICAM stellar occultation data" submitted to the Mars Data Analysis Program. You join an elite group of only 10 Fellows selected under ROSES 2007 among the 103 who applied. Each of these Fellows submitted a proposal of outstanding scientific merit and was identified as one of the rising stars of the planetary science community. You and your cohort represent the future of NASA research and we welcome your participation in the research grant programs as well as on future review panels and working groups.

The ECF was established by NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Planetary Science Division, to facilitate the integration of new planetary science researchers into the established research funding programs and to provide tools and experience useful when searching for a more advanced (i.e., tenure-track, civil servant, or equivalent). All researchers who have received their Ph.D. in the past seven years; are currently employed as a postdoctoral researcher, research assistant, or equivalent non-tenured position; and who checked the appropriate box on the cover page of their proposal were considered for this award. Each of those selected received high marks in peer review evaluation and were additionally recommended by the Discipline Scientist for the research program to which they applied.

Selection as a NASA Early Career Fellow brings with it honor and also the opportunity to apply for additional start-up funds. You are eligible to apply for a one-time award of up to \$100,000 in laboratory start-up funds when you obtain a tenure-track, civil-servant, or otherwise equivalent and permanent position. Information on how to apply for start-up funds is contained in the ROSES 2010.

Again, I would like to extend my congratulations to you. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 358-0390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curt Niebur".

Dr. Curt Niebur
Discipline Scientist
Early Career Fellowship Program