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Lin Fellows will be funded to perform research during Summer 2019 at the Space Sciences Laboratory. The Fellowship will provide salary support and a research stipend.

Students from all departments on the UC Berkeley campus are eligible. Preference will be given to students who pursue research projects associated with the Space Sciences Laboratory. Interested students should send a CV, a cover letter, and statement of research interests to lin.fellowship@ssl.berkeley.edu. Applications will be considered starting on March 1, 2019, and we expect to select up to four fellows during March and April.

Robert P. Lin

Robert Peichung Lin was a long-time faculty member in the Department of Physics at UC Berkeley who served for many years as the Director of the Space Sciences Laboratory. Robert P. Lin spent most of his career at Berkeley and led a revolution in our understanding of high energy solar physics. He made pioneering discoveries of X-rays and gamma-rays from solar flares, using several generations of instruments and culminating in NASA’s RHESSI Explorer mission. Robert P. Lin also designed instruments to make in situ space plasma measurements and used these instruments to measure surface magnetic and electric fields at the Moon and Mars. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and collaborated on many space research projects internationally. His accomplishments were many and his impact on Space Sciences at Berkeley was profound. Robert P. Lin was an especially effective teacher and graduate advisor and this fellowship serves to underscore the importance with which he viewed graduate education.