



Postdoctoral Associates in Observational Extragalactic Astrophysics

The Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP) invites applications for several Postdoctoral Associate positions in the broad area of extragalactic astrophysics and observational cosmology. Specific areas of interest for the coming years are the study of high-redshift galaxies, galaxy formation and evolution processes, the intergalactic medium, and the evolution of AGN.

There are no formal duties attached to these positions, but candidates will be expected to take advantage of present and upcoming observational facilities available to AIP scientists. In particular, participation in the scientific exploitation and preparation of the 2nd generation ESO-VLT instrument MUSE (Multi-Unit Spectroscopic Explorer) and/or the AIP involvement in the Hobby-Eberly Telescope Dark Energy Experiment (HETDEX) would be greatly valued.

The AIP is located in the beautiful Potsdam/Babelsberg area, at the southwestern border of the Berlin metropolitan area. About 100 scientists work on a variety of astrophysical topics ranging from solar physics to cosmology. Potsdam is also the home of the Albert-Einstein Institute for Gravitational Physics, the Physics & Astronomy department of Potsdam University and several other research institutions.

The positions will be available as of autumn 2012. Initial appointments will be made for 2 years, with possible extensions by a 3rd year. Highly qualified senior applicants may also be appointed for 3+2 years. The salary will be based on the German public service scale (TV-L). The AIP is an equal opportunity employer and particularly encourages applications from women. It values diversity.

To apply, please send a curriculum vitae including statements on education, research experience and future research plans to the given address. Applicants should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to the same address. Review of applications will begin **Dec 15, 2011**, and continue until the positions are filled.

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