



Postdoctoral Associate / LBT support scientist

The Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate position, coupled to responsibilities for supporting other AIP scientists in their usage of the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT). As support scientist the Associate will have to familiarise him/herself with the available instruments, help users in the preparation of observations and data reduction, and occasionally travel to the LBT on Mt Graham/Arizona to perform queue scheduled observations for the German LBT group.

50% of the working time will be available for independent scientific research. The field of research can be chosen freely, but preference will be given to candidates with interests overlapping the following active areas of research at the AIP: The Milky Way and its satellites; galaxies (from nearby to high redshifts, also including active galactic nuclei); observational cosmology (including large-scale structure and intergalactic medium). Furthermore, the AIP maintains a vigorous technology and instrumentation programme, and common interests may also be found in this line.

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 position will be available as of summer 2012. The initial appointment will be made for 2 years, but in recognition of the significant service component of the position, an extension to a total of up to 5 years will be possible, depending on performance. 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 address given below. Particular emphasis should be given to describing the experience with astronomical observations and data reduction. 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 position is filled.

Email address for submissions: lbtpostdoc@aip.de

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