

Job Announcement



The Astrophysical Institute Potsdam (AIP) is located in the beautiful Potsdam/Babelsberg area at the south-western border to Berlin. About 170 personnel work on a variety of astrophysical and engineering topics. The AIP is a member of the Leibniz-Association and is partner of the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) and the GREGOR and LOFAR projects. It owns and operates the new robotic facility STELLA in Tenerife and the PMAS Integral field spectrograph at the 3.5m telescope on Calar Alto. It is currently engaged in the construction of the Potsdam Echelle Polarimetric and Spectroscopic Instrument (PEPSI) for the LBT and the MUSE 2nd generation instrument for the ESO/VLT.

We are looking for a

Support Astronomer.

Applications are invited for a position as support astronomer for the AIP robotic facilities. The main task will be to support the operation and science exploitation of the two STELLA telescopes in Tenerife, but also the LBT with the future PEPSI in Arizona and the night-time spectrograph of the GREGOR solar telescope on Tenerife. Some travelling to Spain and Arizona is to be expected. The person must be able to work at an altitude of up to 3100m. Particular welcomed is experience with optical spectroscopy, wide-field imaging, photometry, and with the use of control systems. The successful applicant will have up to 30% of the time available for personal research and is able and willing to exploit AIP facilities on a research project of his/her own choice.

The initial appointment is for 2+1 years. Highly qualified senior applicants may also be appointed for a 3+3 years period. Tenure is possible. Review of the applications will start immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary is based on the German public service scale (TV-L; included are employer contributions to medical and dental insurance, maternity leave, and retirement benefits). The AIP is an equal opportunity employer and particularly encourages applications from women. It values diversity.

Applications should include a brief research plan together with a detailed CV and bibliography, the names and e-mails of three references, and be sent either by e-mail or paper mail to the address below.

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