Scientist, Astrophotonics innoFSPEC at AIP

Overview
The innovation centre innoFSPEC Potsdam is a joint project between the University of Potsdam and the Leibniz-Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP). It’s headquarter is located on the campus of AIP in Potsdam Babelsberg. While AIP has a strong record in the development of optical instrumentation for state-of-the-art international observatories (e.g. ESO, LBT, HET, CAHA), innoFSPEC Potsdam provides a unique opportunity for research in fundamental astronomy & astrophysics utilizing instruments such as MUSE, PMAS etc., as well as, on key enabling technologies, in the field of Astrophotonic instrumentation for modern telescopes and facilities, e.g. the ELT, VLTI, CAHA, etc. The Astrophotonics group solicits applications for a Scientist position to undertake simulation, and experimental characterization of integrated photonic devices.

Your Tasks
• Simulation and experimental characterization of integrated photonic components, novel fiber optic structures such as photonic lanterns, and adaptive optics
• Support adjacent research activities and contribute to peer-reviewed publications, patents, and conference papers.

Your Profile
• Masters in physics, astronomy, astrophysics, instrumentation, or in related fields.
• Knowledge of at least 3 out of Python, LabView, MATLAB, RSoft, EPIPPROP, ZEMAX, is mandatory.
• Hands on experience in experimental optics and instrumentation will be an added advantage
• Excellent interpersonal and communication skill and ability to work as a member of a team.
• Excellent proficiency in the English language. Basic German skills will be an advantage.

Conditions
The AIP is an equal opportunity employer and strives to maintain a diverse, inclusive work environment and culture. AIP particularly encourages applications from women and those from diverse backgrounds. Preference will also be given to people with disabilities with equal competence. The appointment could start immediately after the recruitment process is completed and until August 2021. Salary and social benefits are calculated based on qualifications and the German public service scale TV-L (upto & including E13). Employer contributions to medical, parental leave, and retirement benefits are included. To apply please send your CV, publication list, copies of academic degrees, and a brief research plan to: bewerbung_2020-08@aip.de
Review of applications will begin immediately & continued until the position is filled.

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