





Project Scientist

Max-Planck-Institute for Radio Astronomy (MPIfR) is one of independent research institutes of the Max Planck Society and performs basic research in the area of radio- and infrared astronomy. The MPIfR is the leading radio astronomical institute in Germany and operates the 100-m radio telescope in Effelsberg.

We coordinate an EU Project – RadioNet3, which brings together all the major radio observatories in Europe. The overall aim of RadioNet3 is to support the radio astronomy community in general and to improve the capabilities of their facilities in Europe. This project involves 26 partners worldwide. The initial appointment is for 2 years with a possible extension. The latest possible start is January 1st, 2012.

Job description

We are offering a scientific position for an astronomer who will serve 60-70% as RadioNet3 project scientist. The responsibilities of the project scientist include

- Assuring the international visibility of the project
- Monitoring the progress of the Networking Activities
- Participation in Outreach activities
- Attendance of scientific and policy meetings
- Attendance of the meetings of the project management bodies
- Preparation of the project reports to the EC

Required qualification

The successful candidate should have a PhD in astronomy with a strong research record and a demonstrated background in radio astronomy. Excellent communication and computer, ability to work in a team and an excellent command of English (oral & written) are essential. The candidate should have a strong knowledge of European research scene and understanding of the radio astronomical landscape. Flexibility in work and willingness to travel is expected. Salary will be conditional on qualifications and experience.

The application should include:

- An application describing your specific qualifications for the position
- Curriculum Vitae and list of publications
- The name and address of three persons who can be contacted for references

The MPG wants to raise the proportion of women in areas where they are under-represented. Women are therefore especially encouraged to apply. The MPG also wishes to employ more severely challenged persons, whose are also encouraged.

The application should be sent electronically if possible. The applicants name and the reference number 2011/1103 must be written on the first page of the application. The application deadline is October 31st, 2011.

Further information

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