



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR
OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION (IAU),
OFFICE FOR ASTRONOMY OUTREACH (OAO)

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) Office for Astronomy Outreach (OAO) is a hub for coordinating astronomy public outreach activities around the world, and was established following the success of the International Year of Astronomy 2009. The aim is to make it easier for the public to access information about our Universe and local and global astronomy events, while building networks to support and disseminate information to the amateur astronomy and public outreach communities. The IAU OAO is located at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ), Mitaka Campus, Tokyo, Japan.

The IAU and NAOJ now seek an outstanding individual, meeting the following requirements, to provide leadership to the OAO:

- An honors degree or equivalent in astronomy or a closely related field.
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Good communication (both written and verbal) and presentation skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of social networking.
- Experience in editing a journal or publication with several contributors
- Demonstrable strategic vision and project management and financial experience.
- Proven track record in outreach activities.
- Demonstrable record of leadership and achievement, as well as a strong international network and reputation.

Experience in fundraising and working knowledge of Japanese will be advantageous.

The International Outreach Coordinator (IOC) will be appointed according to the normal conditions of service of the NAOJ employees and will report formally to the Director-General of the NAOJ. This is a contract position for 3 years, renewable for an additional 2 years subject to performance.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and full CV, including the contact details of at least 3 references, by email to the IAU General Secretary, Thierry Montmerle (iau@iap.fr). Selection process will begin after September 15, 2013. The shortlisted candidates will submit a proposal explaining in detail his/her vision of the OAO, with emphasis on how he/she plans to interact, amongst others, with the IAU professional astronomer community at large.

For further information please visit the IAU website at www.iau.org; the NAOJ website at www.nao.ac.jp/en/.

The NAOJ is actively committed to equal opportunity in employment.

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