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ESO ALMA Fellowship Programme

The European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere awards several postdoctoral fellowships each year. The goal of these fellowships is to offer young outstanding scientists opportunities and facilities to enhance their research programmes by facilitating close contact between young astronomers and the activities and staff at one of the world's foremost observatories.

With ALMA becoming operational in a few years, ESO offers additional ALMA Fellowships — funded by the Marie-Curie COFUND Programme of the European Community — to complement its regular fellowship programme. Applications by young astronomers with expertise in mm/sub-mm astronomy are encouraged.

For all Fellowships, scientific excellence is the prime selection criterion. The programme is open to applicants who have earned (or will have earned) their PhD in astronomy, physics, or related disciplines before 1 November 2009. Young scientists from all astrophysical fields are welcome to apply.

The selected candidates may choose to work at one of the European institutes hosting an ALMA Regional Centre node (Bologna, Bonn, Grenoble, Leiden, Manchester, Onsala) or at ESO in Garching.

Fellowships start with an initial contract of one year followed by a two year extension (three years in total). In addition to the excellent scientific environment that will allow them to develop their scientific skills, as part of the diverse training ESO offers, Fellows are encouraged to participate in some functional work related to ALMA (in instrumentation, operations, public relations, etc.) for up to 25% of their time.

We offer an attractive remuneration package including a competitive salary (tax-free), comprehensive social benefits, and provide financial support for relocating families. Furthermore, an expatriation allowance as well as some other allowances may be added. The Outline of the Terms of Service for Fellows provides some more details on employment conditions/benefits.

The closing date for applications is 31 January 2009. Please apply by filling the web form available at the recruitment page <http://jobs.eso.org> attaching to your application (preferred format is PDF):

- your Curriculum Vitae including a list of (refereed) publications;
- your proposed research plan (maximum 2 pages);
- a brief outline of your technical/observational experience (maximum one page).

In addition three letters of reference from persons familiar with your scientific work should be sent directly to ESO to vacancy@eso.org before the application deadline.

Please also read our list of FAQs regarding fellowship applications.

Questions not answered by the above FAQ page can be sent to: Paola Andreani, Tel +49 89 320 06-576, Fax +49 89 320 06-898, e-mail: pandrea@eso.org

