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ESO ALMA Fellowship Programme 2009/2010

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 with the activities and staff at one of the world's foremost observatories.

As ALMA will become operational in a few years, ESO is offering additional ALMA Fellowships — funded by the Marie-Curie COFUND Programme of the European Community (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/cofund_en.html) — to complement its regular fellowship programme. Applications by young astronomers with expertise in mm/submm astronomy are encouraged.

The programme is open to applicants who have earned (or will have earned), their PhD in astronomy, physics or related disciplines before 1 November 2010. Young scientists from all astrophysical fields are welcome to apply.

For all fellowships, scientific excellence is the prime selection criterion. The selected candidates may choose to work at one of the European institutes hosting an ALMA Regional Centre (ARC) node (Bologna, Bonn, Grenoble, Leiden, Manchester, Onsala) or at ESO in Garching. More information about the ARC nodes can be found at: www.eso.org/sci/facilities/alma/arc/. Following the mobility rules of the Marie-Curie Programme, some restrictions may apply: a fellow cannot be hosted by an institution if he/she has spent more than 12 months in the same country as the selected ARC node over the last three years.

Fellowships last for three years, with an initial contract of one year followed by a two year extension. In addition to the excellent scientific environment, where fellows can develop their scientific skills, fellows are encouraged, as part of the diverse training ESO offers, to take part 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.

Candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process between December 2009 and February 2010. Fellowships begin between April and October of the year in which they are awarded. Selected fellows can join an ARC node only after the completion of their doctorate.

The closing date for applications is 1 November 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 publications (only refereed papers);
- your proposed research plan (maximum two pages);
- a brief outline of your technical/observational experience (maximum one page); and
- a list of three ARC nodes, in order of preference, where the fellowship will be taken.

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

Please also read our list of FAQs regarding fellowship applications (<http://www.eso.org/sci/activities/ESOfellowship-faq.html>).

Questions not answered by the above FAQ page can be sent to: Marina Rejkuba, Tel. +49 89 320 06-453, Fax +49 89 320 06-898, E-mail: mrejkuba@eso.org

