Assistant Professor

The Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for a position at the Assistant Professor (tenure-track) level. Outstanding candidates in all subfields of Astronomy and Astrophysics will be considered. Applications from minority and women candidates are especially encouraged; the UCSC campus is committed to equity and inclusion.

UCSC is the home of the University of California Observatories (UCO), with facilities including the Lick and Keck Observatories and Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) International Observatory. It is also one of the world’s leading centers for research in computational astrophysics, which includes the cross-departmental research unit Theoretical Astrophysics Santa Cruz (TASC). The 3000-core Hyades cluster is the on-campus centerpiece of UCSC computational astrophysics.

The current faculty has strengths in optical and near-IR observations, theory, numerical simulations, and instrumentation, with special concentrations in cosmology and galaxy formation, galactic structure, high-energy astrophysics, star and planet formation, and particle astrophysics. Programs at UCSC that are relevant to the advertised position include UCO, TASC, the Center for the Origin, Dynamics and Evolution of Planets (CODEP), and the Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics (SCIPP) (http://astro-research.ucsc.edu). We seek candidates whose research will integrate with these programs and at the same time broaden the scope of our faculty in theoretical/observational astrophysics and contribute to our strong interdisciplinary collaborations.

The successful candidate is expected to maintain a first-class research program, teach in the department’s undergraduate and graduate programs, supervise graduate and undergraduate student research, contribute broadly to the intellectual vitality of the institution, and provide service to the campus and their profession. For additional information on the department, please see the departmental website (http://www.astro.ucsc.edu).

We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service, and who have demonstrated a commitment to improving access to higher education by underrepresented groups.

RANK: Assistant Professor

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D or equivalent foreign degree in Astronomy, Physics, or related field; one year of postdoctoral or research lab experience.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Demonstrated record of research and teaching experience.

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2016 with academic year beginning September 2016.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include current curriculum vitae, 3-5 letters of reference, research statement, teaching statement, and statement of contributions to diversity addressing contributions to diversity through research, teaching, and/or service. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00308
Refer to Position # JPF00308-16 in all correspondence.

All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC’s confidentiality statement at http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on December 7, 2015. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2016.

UC Santa Cruz faculty make significant contributions to the body of research that has earned the University of California the ranking as the foremost public higher education institution in the world. In the process, our faculty demonstrate that cutting-edge research, excellent teaching and outstanding service are mutually supportive.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. UC Santa Cruz is committed to excellence through diversity and strives to establish a climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the contributions of all students and employees. Inquiries regarding the University’s equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to:

Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2686.

Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain UCSC positions funded by federal contracts or subcontracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available here or from the Academic Personnel Office (APO) at (831) 459-4300.

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