



## Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie (MPIA) Heidelberg

### Head of Independent Junior Research Group at the Max-Planck Institute for Astronomy (MPIA) in Heidelberg (Ref. No. 09-13)

The Max-Planck Institute for Astronomy (MPIA) is seeking an outstanding young scientist to set up and lead an independent research group in theoretical astrophysics. We are particularly interested in candidates with a record and future research plans in modelling the formation and evolution of galaxies in the context of cosmological structure formation.

The overall astrophysical research programme of the MPIA is centered on 'Galaxies and Cosmology' on the one hand, and on 'Planet and Star Formation' on the other. In addition, the MPIA is one of Europe's leading institutes for the development of instrumentation. With about 20 staff scientists, several existing junior research groups, and 80 post-docs and students, the MPIA provides a stimulating and productive work environment (see [http://www.mpia-hd.mpg.de/Public/index\\_en.html](http://www.mpia-hd.mpg.de/Public/index_en.html) for further details).

The position of the head of this research group is at the W2-level (in the German university system). The resources allocated to the research group include funds for post-doc and PhD student positions, and support for computing, travel, publications, etc..

The primary selection criterion will be a proven record in outstanding research, and the potential for future growth and scientific leadership. The appointment (and group resources) will be for five years with the possibility of an extension by 2 years.

By January 15, 2010, applicants should send a single pdf file, consisting of a curriculum vitae, list of publications and a brief statement of research accomplishments and plans, to [witte@mpia.de](mailto:witte@mpia.de). Three letters of reference should also be sent to the same e-mail address. Letters will not be acknowledged.

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Electronic submission is preferred.

The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer. Applications from women and historically under-represented groups are particularly encouraged. The MPIA supports its employees in their search for suitable child care.

