

Stellenbezeichnung: Senior Scientist



At the University of Vienna more than 10,000 personalities work together towards answering the big questions of the future. Around 7,500 of them do research and teaching, around 2,900 work in administration and organisation. We are looking for a/an

Senior Scientist

53 Faculty of Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy

Job vacancy starting: 11/21/2023 | Working hours: 40,00 | Classification CBA: §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc)

Limited contract until: 03/12/2024

Job ID: **1418**

Among the many reasons to research and teach at the University of Vienna there is one in particular, which has convinced around 7,500 academic staff members so far. They see themselves as personalities who need space for continuous striving for top international research and scientific excellence. At the same time they enjoy support and liberties that are not a given at other institutions. Does that sound like something for you? Welcome to our team!

Your personal sphere of play:

The Department of Astrophysics forms part of the Faculty of Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy at the University of Vienna. Presently about 70 employees work at the department.

We seek an outstanding and enthusiastic scientist to lead and coordinate public outreach and science communication activities in astrophysics in our department. Duties include responsibility for and coordination of public outreach activities (mobile planetarium, guided tours at the observatory and other events for different target groups) and contact to the media. Interest in developing new science communication projects and initiatives is desirable.

The position is vacant for the period of absence of a member of staff (21 Nov 2023 - 12 Mar 2024). There might be an option - by mutual agreement - to extend the duration of the employment.

Your future tasks:

The tasks conform to the collective agreement of the universities §26(2) and (5); they comprise as the main activities:

- 1) Managing and executing the communication of our activities to the scientific community and the general public, including overseeing and developing of the related sections of our website, organizing and carrying out guided tours, public talks, and outreach events;
- 2) Coordinating and managing of the infrastructure incl. the historical telescopes, the collection "Maximilian Hell", and the mobile planetarium;
- 3) Contributing continuously to the scientific profile of the University of Vienna in the field of Astrophysics by conducting own research activities leading to scientific publications;

Further responsibilities include:

- 4) Conducting independent teaching (in agreement with the collective bargaining agreement);
- 5) (Co-)Supervising students on own research interests and activities;
- 6) Contributing to general organisational and administrative tasks as well as evaluation procedures.

This is part of your personality:

- Completed doctoral/PhD studies in astronomy or astrophysics
- Several years of experience in public outreach activities
- Good command of written and spoken English and German
- Leadership qualities
- Team player and high social/communicative skills
- Experience in student supervision

What we offer:

Work-life balance: Our employees enjoy flexible working hours, remote/hybrid and/or part-time work (upon agreement).

Inspiring working atmosphere: You are a part of an international academic team in a healthy and fair working environment.

Good public transport connections: Your workplace in beautiful Vienna is easily accessible by public transport.

Internal further training & Coaching: Opportunity to deepen your skills on an ongoing basis. There are over 600 courses to choose from – free of charge.

Fixed-term contract and fair salary: The basic salary of EUR 4,351.90 (14 times a year) for senior scientists postdoctoral increases, if we can credit professional experience.

Equal opportunities for everyone: We look forward to diverse personalities in the team!

It is that easy to apply:

- With a motivation letter
- With your scientific curriculum vitae
- With a statement of previous relevant experience including public outreach and science communication activities.
- With names and contact details of 3 persons that, upon request, can provide a recommendation letter

If you have any content questions, please contact:

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We look forward to new personalities in our team!

The University of Vienna has an anti-discriminatory employment policy and attaches great importance to equal opportunities, the advancement of women and diversity. We lay special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions among the academic and general university staff and therefore expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female candidates.

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Application deadline: 10/31/2023