



NORDIC OPTICAL TELESCOPE

La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain

Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Nordic Optical Telescope Scientific Association (NOTSA), with financial support from *NORD-FORSK*, invites applications for a two-year postdoctoral position at the Nordic Optical Telescope (NOT) on La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain. The position will be available from mid-2008 onward.

NOT is a modern 2.6-m telescope with state-of-the-art optical and near-IR instruments, operated by a diverse staff of 15 astronomers, engineers, and students in an informal, family-style environment (see <http://www.not.iac.es> for full details). La Palma itself is a subtropical island with a pleasant climate throughout the year and a low cost of housing and living compared to most of the rest of Europe (the Canary Islands are a duty-free zone).

The role of the postdoc will be to strengthen the scientific and training environment at NOT by conducting own research and assisting in the scientific optimisation of NOT as a key tool in research and training for the Nordic/Baltic community.

We seek a person with a recent PhD degree or equivalent (less than five years old) in observational astrophysics and practical experience with observing and data reduction techniques. The salary will depend on the candidate's experience, but is expected to be of the order of €40-50,000 per year. This salary is subject to personal tax in Spain; in addition, NOTSA will pay employer taxes, health and unemployment insurance, and other social charges directly to the Spanish authorities, totalling about 1/3 of the net salary.

Application should contain a CV with a list of publications, a brief research plan, and two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the candidate's work. *All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply, regardless of nationality, gender, or ethnic or other background.*

The deadline for applications is **April 11, 2008**. Applications should be submitted, preferably by e-mail, to both of the persons below, who are also available for any further information.

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