



ESO

European Organisation  
for Astronomical  
Research in the  
Southern Hemisphere



ESO is opening two positions as

## Operations Staff Astronomer

The successful candidate will be part of the Science Operations Department of the La Silla Paranal Observatory with duty station on Paranal. She/he will support observations in both visitor and service mode. The tasks to be performed include short-term (flexible) scheduling of queue observations, calibration and monitoring of the instruments, and assessment of the scientific quality of the astronomical data.

Operations Astronomers may be members of the ESO Science Faculty, with an appointment at the level of Assistant or Associate Astronomer. 105 nights per year are spent at the Observatory carrying out functional duties, usually in a shift of 8 days on Paranal, 6 days off. The rest of the time is spent in the Santiago office. They will be expected and encouraged to actively conduct astronomical research during that time. Depending on qualification, expertise, and personal interest, Operations Astronomers may alternatively be offered an appointment with 135 nights per year to be spent on the Observatory with the remainder of the time being available for personal research.

The position requires a Ph.D. in Astronomy, Physics or equivalent.

We are seeking a staff astronomer with substantial observing experience (at least three years). The ideal candidate will be an active researcher and have excellent observation-oriented research records, will be familiar with a broad range of instrumental, data analysis, archiving and observational techniques, and must be conversant with at least one major data reduction package such as MIDAS, IRAF or IDL. Of special value would be a record of instrumental experience, such as the participation in the design, construction or calibration of existing instruments and/or previous experience in the operation of an astronomical facility.

For details and to download an application form, please consult our homepage: <http://www.eso.org>. If you are interested in working in a stimulating international research environment and in areas of frontline science and technology, please send us your application in English to:

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*ESO is an equal opportunity employer.  
Qualified female candidates are invited to apply.*

## ESO. Astronomy made in Europe



## Personnel Movements

### Arrivals (1 July–30 September 2006)

#### Europe

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Calçada, Luis (P)             | Media Laboratory Assistant |
| Castro, Sandra Maria (BR)     | Software Engineer          |
| Dietrich, Jörg (D)            | Fellow                     |
| Eder, Brigitta (A)            | Student                    |
| Hilker, Michael (D)           | User Support Astronomer    |
| Kempf, Andreas (D)            | Electronics Engineer       |
| Mainieri, Vincenzo (I)        | Fellow                     |
| Moins, Christophe (F)         | Software Engineer          |
| Szasz, Gabriel (SK)           | Student                    |
| van der Plas, Gerrit (N)      | Student                    |
| Vernet, Joel Daniel Roger (F) | Instrument Scientist       |
| Weigand, Michael (D)          | Paid Associate             |
| Weiser, Sabine (D)            | Accounting Assistant       |

#### Chile

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Conn, Blair Campbell (AUS)        | Fellow             |
| De Gregorio Monsalvo, Itziar (E)  | Fellow             |
| De Silva, Gayandhi Manomala (AUS) | Fellow             |
| Salinas, Alejandro (RCH)          | Network Specialist |
| Treister, Ezequiel (RA)           | Fellow             |

### Departures (1 July–30 September 2006)

#### Europe

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Alberth, Manuela (D)       | Purchasing Assistant |
| Bortolussi, Alessandro (I) | Paid Associate       |
| Chuzel, Olivier (F)        | Software Engineer    |
| Duhr, Linda (NL)           | Secretary/Assistant  |
| Ostaschek, Iris (A)        | Secretary/Assistant  |

#### Chile

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Doublier, Vanessa (F)  | Operation Staff Astronomer  |
| Preminger, Daisy (RCH) | Data Handling Administrator |
| Scarpa, Riccardo (I)   | Operation Staff Astronomer  |
| Vreeswijk, Paul (NL)   | Fellow                      |