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FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY - HELLAS
INSTITUTE OF ASTROPHYSICS

One (1) position for Technical Staff
in the framework of the project “mw-atlas”
The first comprehensive Atlas of the Milky Way
(Call: ERC-2024-SyG, Project Number 101166905)
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The **Institute of Astrophysics** of the **Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (IA-FORTH)** in the framework of the project mw-atlas (Call: ERC-SyG-2024, Project number: 101166905), funded under the European Union’s Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, is seeking to recruit temporary staff.

Job Description

Technical support for the WALOP polarimeters, including participation in the assembly, installation, calibration, and smooth operation of the instrument. Technical support on electronic and mechanical issues of the research infrastructure and scientific instruments of Skinakas Observatory, while also assisting the nighttime observations at the telescope (multi-day stay at the observatory facilities on the Skinakas summit) throughout the observing period.

Required Qualifications

- University degree from a School of Natural Sciences and Technology
- Proven knowledge of the English language, with a required certificate at level C2, ECPE, EFL, or completion of a thesis (Master’s or PhD) in English.
- Driving license held for at least 5 years.
- Completed military service obligations.
- Proven experience in telescope operation and scientific polarimetric observations, for at least 90 observing nights.
- Proven experience in software development.

Desired Qualifications

- PhD in Physics or a related field.
- Experience in the design and development of automation software.
- Experience in scientific applications of polarimetric data.



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Location: IA-FORTH, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Start date: 1st November 2026

Duration: 12 months, with the possibility of renewal depending on the needs of the Institute

Application Submission

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications and all required supporting documents electronically to info@ia.forth.gr with cc to Prof. Vasiliki Pavlidou (Director of IA) (pavlidou@ia.forth.gr), no later than **16th October, 23:59 (Greece local time)**.

Required supporting documents at the time of application:

- Application form referring to the program and the position code (<https://www.ia.forth.gr/employment-opportunities>)
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of academic degrees
- Certificates of previous work experience

Any application received after the deadline will not be considered for the selection.

Contact

For information and questions regarding the application and selection procedure, candidates are asked to contact the secretariat (info@ia.forth.gr), tel. +30 2810-394200.

For information and questions about the advertised position and the research activity of the group or the institute, please contact Prof. Vasiliki Pavlidou (pavlidou@ia.forth.gr).

Evaluation procedure

Applications will be evaluated by a three-member evaluation committee. In case of interview procedure, applicants will be invited to participate in person or teleconference.

In case of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, the provisions of the Law 55/2023 (article 36) and 4957/2022 (article 304) are implemented.

The results of the selection will be announced on the website of IA-FORTH. Applicants have the right to appeal the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the IA secretariat within five days since the results announcement on the web. Objections are submitted in one of the following ways: in person, by an authorized person, by post, by courier. They also have the right to access (a) the files of the applicants as well as (b) the table of applicants' scores (ranking of applicants results). All the above information related to the selection procedure will be available at the secretariat of IA-FORTH in line with the Hellenic Data Protection Authority. Access to personal data of co-applicants shall be limited to personal data (and relevant data) and supporting documents which have been the basis of the evaluation of the applicants for the specific post(s). Prior to the announcement of the personal data and/or documents of the co-applicants to the applicant, FORTH will inform the data subjects in an appropriate way.

The selected applicants will be notified personally regarding the success of his/her application and will be requested to submit certified copies of his/her degrees. If the submitted documents do not agree with the original application, the applicant will be dismissed.

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FORTH is compliant with all legal procedures for the processing of personal data as defined by the Regulation EU/2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data. FORTH processes the personal data and relevant supporting documents that you have submitted to us. Processing of that data is carried out exclusively for the needs and purposes of this specific call. Such data shall not be transmitted to or communicated to any third party unless required by law.

FORTH retains the above data up to the announcement of the final results of the call, unless further process and reservation is required by law or for purposes of exercise, enforcement, prosecution of certain one's legitimate legal rights' as defined in the Regulation EU/2016/679 and/or in national law.

Under the Regulation EU/2016/679 applicants have the rights to be informed about your personal data, access to, rectification and erasure, restrictions of process and objection to as provided by applicable regulation and national laws. We acknowledge also to you, that you have the right to file a complaint to the national Data Protection Authority. For any further information regarding exercise of your personal data protection rights, you may contact the Data Protection Officer at FORTH at dpo@admin.forth.gr.

Applicants have the right to withdraw your application and consent for the processing of your personal data at any time. We inform you that, in this case, FORTH shall destroy such documents and/or supporting documents submitted and shall delete the related personal data.