The Space Research Institute (IWF) is with about 100 employees from twenty nations one of the largest institutes of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖeAW). The institute is located in the Victor Franz Hess Research Center of the ÖeAW in the south of Graz. The IWF also operates a world-leading satellite laser ranging station at the Lustbühel Observatory. As part of its Young Researcher Programme YRP @ Graz, the Austrian Space Research Institute, the Graz University of Technology, and the University of Graz jointly invite applications for

**PHD STUDENT POSITION (f*m)**

(part-time, 30h per week)

in interdisciplinary space science and planetary research with the possibility to work also in the field of space instrumentation. The YRP @ Graz is a collaboration between the IWF and the Graz University of Technology and the University of Graz. The successful candidates will benefit from joint supervision across at least two research groups of these institutions. The offered PhD projects and further information can be found here: https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/iwf/research/young-researcher-program-yrpgraz/phd-students

We seek excellent students with a strong background in natural sciences. Successful candidates must hold a Master’s degree in physics, astrophysics, geoscience or equivalent or in engineering with focus on space instrumentation at the latest by the starting date of the position, namely in September 2022, but preferably at the time of application. Previous experience on aspects of astrophysics and related fields and a track record of team work will be important criteria for the selection, as will experience in computational coding.

The appointment can begin as early as September 1, 2022, and will be for 3.5 years with an annual gross salary of € 32,297,58 according to the collective agreements of the involved institutions.

The first stage of the application process is anonymised, the second stage takes the form of an interview.

To apply for this position, please use the following link to the anonymised YRP @ Graz application questionary: LINK. This form includes questions about scientific skills and the candidate’s master thesis/project, and asks for a statement of interest, a scientific proposal, and a statement regarding research integrity. Please, submit the form no later than July 1, 2022.

Inquiries about the YRP @ Graz position should be directed to Prof Dr Christiane Helling (christiane.helling@oeaw.ac.at) or Dr Ruth-Sophie Taubner (ruth-sophie.taubner@oeaw.ac.at). More information about the IWF: https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/iwf

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