



DIRECTOR

NATIONAL OPTICAL ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

The Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc. (AURA) seeks a new Director of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO). We are seeking an individual with an outstanding scientific background, with vision, and with demonstrated leadership and talent for administration in a complex and evolving environment. The director is responsible for all of NOAO including operations and development.

The coming decade will present both outstanding opportunities and significant challenges for NOAO, and for its next director. The recent NSF Senior Review has underscored the crucial role of NOAO in serving the community, and budget increments to upgrade NOAO facilities are already beginning. The new director will have the opportunity and responsibility to work with the community and the NOAO staff to shape the future of the National Observatory in the years ahead.

The Search Committee will begin evaluating applications on October 1, 2007. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications should include scientific and management experience, relevant accomplishments, a resume, bibliography, a list of three references, and the individual's written view of the future role of NOAO in the U. S. and international astronomy communities. Applications will be kept confidential, and should be sent to:

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Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
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Questions related to this search should be directed to Dr. Patrick Osmer,
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Information and updates regarding this search are available on www.aura-astronomy.org