

AURA SOLICITS APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF AURA

The Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) seeks a new President, with the aim of filling this position by February 2015. AURA is a consortium of universities and educational institutions that operates world-class astronomical observatories on behalf of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). AURA's mission is "*To promote excellence in astronomical research by providing access to state-of-the-art facilities.*"

AURA acts as the Managing Organization for the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO), the National Solar Observatory (NSO), the International Gemini Observatory, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) Construction Project, and the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI).

The President discharges all roles and responsibilities described in the AURA Policies and Procedures Manual (see www.aura-astronomy.org/about.asp?aboutType=policies). S/he is also responsible for all AURA programmatic issues, including those at STScI, NOAO, NSO, Gemini, and concerning construction of LSST. These responsibilities relate to top-level AURA management commitments and policies, promotion of the mission of AURA and its centers, and identifying new business and scientific opportunities for AURA.

The AURA Corporate Office is located in Washington D.C. This is designated as the primary duty location for the President, though candidates should expect to travel frequently in the conduct of AURA business.

Candidates for the position of AURA President should have demonstrated strong leadership in science and administration and have an established record of achievement in those areas. Candidates should also have demonstrated talent for management, combined with skill in federal, institutional and international relations.

AURA is inviting applications for this position and is also soliciting nominations from the community-at-large. Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. All complete applications received by **May 1, 2014** will be given full consideration. All applications will be held in confidence. Applications must include: a curriculum vitae, information on relevant experience and accomplishments, and the candidate's vision for leading AURA and/or the future evolution of AURA. Shortly after May 1, candidates should be prepared to submit the names of three professional references who have agreed to offer assessments.

Nominations, applications, and questions related to this search should be emailed to presidentsearch@aura-astronomy.org Alternatively, written nominations and/or applications may be sent to:

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Chair, Presidential Search Committee c/o AURA
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Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
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Information and updates regarding the President position and all aspects of this search are available on AURA's website: www.aura-astronomy.org