



**INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS**
(An Autonomous Institution of the
University Grants Commission)

ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAMME

IUCAA is a centre of excellence for research in Astronomy and Astrophysics and related subjects, and one of its mandates is to encourage research and development in these areas in the University sector. An important component of IUCAA's academic activities is the Associateship Programme, under which faculty members of Indian universities or colleges can visit IUCAA for periods of short and long durations over a span of three years, to develop their research interest and expertise.

During these visits, Associates can conduct their own research, or work in collaboration with faculty members at IUCAA, and with visitors from India and abroad. Associates can use facilities at IUCAA like the library, the advanced computing centre, astronomical data centre, instrumentation laboratory, etc. They can participate in observational programmes using national and international facilities, including IUCAA's own 2 m optical and infrared telescope set up at Girawali.

The Associateship Programme has been designed to promote mobility and to this end, the travel and local living expenses of an Associate for these visits will be borne by IUCAA as per its rules. Associates will continue to carry out the existing commitments at their parent organization. However, since IUCAA has been created by the UGC as a field station for these activities, it is expected that those visiting IUCAA under this programme will be treated as on duty by their respective organization.

Applications, on plain paper, are invited under this programme for the twenty-third batch of Visiting Associates for the period from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2015. Interested persons should forward their application through the head of their departments or institutions, along with their biodata (including e-mail address), list of publications, and a brief write-up on the work they intend to carry out as Associates of IUCAA. Applications should be sent to **The Administrative Officer (Core Programmes), IUCAA, Post Bag 4, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411 007** (e-mail: aocp@iucaa.ernet.in), so as to reach before **April 30, 2012**. In addition, each applicant should arrange for two experts in the field to send their confidential assessment of the applicant directly to the above address. Those who had applied last year, but were not selected, are requested to update their application if they would like to be considered again for an Associateship. The selected candidates will be informed by July 15, 2012.

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