

# Ph.D. Program in Astrophysics 2016

INAOE, Puebla, Mexico

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The Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica (INAOE) in Puebla is a frontier center for research in Astrophysics in Mexico, with an active postgraduate program that offers **M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Astrophysics and Astronomical Instrumentation**. INAOE is playing a pivotal role in the exploitation of large observational infrastructures at Sierra Negra in Puebla, such as the Large Millimeter Telescope Alfonso Serrano (LMT) and the High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Experiment (HAWC). Other INAOE facilities in astronomy include a 2.12-m reflector at the Astrophysical Observatory Guillermo Haro (Sonora, Mexico), and two laboratories for building and testing astronomical instrumentation. The staff at INAOE also have access to the 10.4-m Gran Telescopio Canarias (Spain) and the telescopes at the National Astronomical Observatory (San Pedro Mártir, Mexico).

Applications are received twice a year for admission to our **Ph.D. program**, to start in August or January. Those aspiring to start in August, should hold their Master's degree in Astrophysics, Astronomical Instrumentation, or any related topic, before July 31st. The corresponding date for the January semester is December 31st of the previous year. Applications (in English or Spanish) should be sent by email as PDF files before **April 15th** for the August semester or **October 15th** for the January semester, to the email address at the bottom of this announcement, and should include:

1. **a cover letter** (addressed to Dr. Itziar Aretxaga, head of the Department of Astrophysics),
2. **curriculum vitae**,
3. **two letters of recommendation** (to be sent directly to the email address below),
4. **scanned transcripts of the Bachelor's and Master's degrees**, showing courses taken and grades achieved up to the time of application,
5. **a scanned copy of the main page of your passport**.

The cover letter should summarize the current status of the candidate's studies, highlighting the work carried out by the applicant as part of any refereed paper or Master's thesis. The candidates are encouraged to express their interest in the research carried out at INAOE. Information about INAOE staff members and their topics of research is available at <http://astro.inaoep.mx/en/>.

The short-listed candidates should be available for a telephonic interview that will take place within two weeks of the deadline and, if needed, a written test on astrophysical or instrumentation topics to be conducted remotely.

All students in the Ph.D. program at INAOE receive a 4-year scholarship from the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACyT). Basic knowledge of Spanish is desirable, but not a requirement.

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