The Faculty of physics offers a full-time Research position in Radio Astronomy starting July 1, 2017 (E 14 TV-L) (non-permanent position)

Your Tasks
We are looking for an experienced radio astronomer in the context of MeerKAT and the SKA. We expect that the candidate will work in close collaboration with the partners of the German D-MeerKAT consortium that contributes to MeerKAT and SKA pathfinder science. The specific task of this position will be the characterisation of an SKA-MID prototype antenna on the MeerKAT site. The successful candidate will take a leading role in an all-sky 5-band survey with the prototype antenna and will contribute to a study of zero-spacing corrections for HI intensity mapping. The possibility to carry out independent research projects in parallel is provided. S/he will also support the management (coordinator Dominik Schwarz) of the German consortium and contribute with her/his expertise to establishing a regional MeerKAT data centre. The candidate would also be responsible for supervising Bachelor and Master students and assist with the supervision of PhD students. The successful applicant will be given the opportunity to obtain the venia legenndi.

Your Profile
We expect
- an academic degree equivalent to a master (Magister, Diplom, First State Examinations) in Physics, Astronomy or equivalent
- PhD
- research experience in radio astronomy (documented by scientific publications, conference contributions and references)
- essential skills in project management, reporting
- experience in programming
- fluent in written and spoken English

Preferable qualifications
- experience in radio astronomical instrumentation development
- software skills in radio astronomy specific software (CASA,AIPS, etc.)
- demonstrated leadership potential in research

Remuneration
Salary will be paid according to Remuneration level 14 of the Wage Agreement for Public Service in the Federal States (TV-L). As stipulated in § 2 (1) paragraph 2 of the WissZeitVG (fixed-term employment), the position is limited to a period of 3 years. In accordance with the provisions of the WissZeitVG and the Agreement on Satisfactory Conditions of Employment, the length of contract may differ in individual cases. The employment is designed to encourage further academic qualification. The successful applicant will be given the opportunity to obtain the venia legenndi. In principle, these full-time positions may be changed into part-time positions, as long as this does not conflict with official needs.

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Application Procedure
For full consideration, your application should be received via either post or email (sent to reder@physik.uni-bielefeld.de) by the 6th of July 2017. Please mark your application with the identification code: wiss17078 and submit your application as a single pdf file including a short CV, research statement, list of publications, copies of your academic certificates and a list of names and contact details (affiliation, e-mail addresses and phone numbers) of 3-5 potential referees (we will approach them). Please note all submitted documents will subsequently be shredded. Further information on Bielefeld University can be found on our homepage at www.uni-bielefeld.de.

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