The Max Planck Institute for Astronomy (MPIA) in Heidelberg is a world-leading research institution with about 350 employees from 40 different countries. The three research departments cover science from exoplanets and their atmospheres to the formation of planets, stars, and galaxies. MPIA scientists are involved in high-performance computing, the analysis of large data sets, and instrumentation.

The IT Department is in charge of all aspects of the computing, data archiving and network system of MPIA and supports the operating systems Linux, Windows and macOS. For the professional support of the scientific, technical, and service departments we are searching for the

#### Head of the IT Department (m/f/div)

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##### The terms of reference are:

* Strategic planning of the IT infrastructure in close consultation with MPIA scientists
* Leading the IT team of the institute with its 6 members
* Responsibility for an efficient, safe and stable IT infrastructure
* Organization of an efficient user interface to the science, technical, and service departments
* Development of new IT strategies (data archiving, software, high-performance computing, IT hardware)
* Planning and realization of the IT budget including large IT applications
* Interface to the MPIA data science group and the public outreach center “Haus der Astronomie”

***Profile:***

* University or technical college degree in computer science, mathematics or physics with strong IT background
* Very good knowledge in the conception, development and operation of IT structures
* Several years of professional experience, ideally in a scientific work environment
* Conceptual and interdisciplinary thinking
* Experience in leading and coordinating teams is desirable
* Enthusiasm for innovative developments in the IT environment
* Organizational talent for the systematic implementation of IT priorities
* Fluent in English and ability to work in international environment

***We offer:***

* Interesting international work environment in a leading scientific institute of the Max Planck Society
* Interaction with a highly motivated team of scientists, engineers, and members of the service groups.
* High degree of independence and responsibility
* The remuneration follows the public service collective agreement (TVöD) up to EG 15 including social benefits.

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Interested candidates should send the application material  **by May 29th, 2021.** The application should contain a summary of experience qualifying for the position of the Head of an IT Department apart from the usual application material. All applications need to be submitted using our online application system: [Online Application](https://recruitingapp-5308.de.umantis.com/Vacancies/322/Application/CheckLogin/2?lang=eng).

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