

Job Announcement

The Board of Directors of Gran Telescopio de Canarias, S.A. (GRANTECAN) invites applications for the position of "Director of GRANTECAN".

GRANTECAN is a public company owned by the Spanish State and the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands. It owns and operates the 10.4m Gran Telescopio CANARIAS (GTC), one of the largest and most advanced optical-IR telescopes in the world. The GTC started operations in 2009, and is now providing high-quality data at a rate comparable to other major telescopes.

The telescope is located at the Roque de Los Muchachos Observatory (ORM), on the island of La Palma, known for its excellent observing conditions owing to the good transparency and stability of sky and the strict application of a law of protection against light pollution.

The Mission of GRANTECAN is to:

- Operate, maintain and develop the GTC, carrying out and promoting astrophysical research;
- Develop and transfer technology to industry;
- Disseminate astronomical knowledge;
- Train scientific and technical personnel.

GRANTECAN has the following centers and observatories:

- The telescope and its facilities at the ORM;
- A sea-level base at Breña Baja, in the Island of La Palma;
- A base at La Laguna, in the island of Tenerife, near the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, for GTC development projects.

The Director of GRANTECAN shall be an active astrophysicist with a significant publication record and with proven experience in the operation and management of large astronomical facilities. Knowledge of the GTC installation, of the ORM, and of the Spanish funding system will also be taken into consideration.

The Director of GRANTECAN is the executive organ of its Board of Directors, with the responsibility to determine the GTC operations policy and to resolve administrative, financial and personnel issues in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Applications received by 14 July 2017 will be given full consideration.

Applications must include: a curriculum vitae, information on relevant experience and accomplishments, the candidate's vision of the evolution of the GTC, and all additional information that the candidate considers relevant. All applications will be treated confidentially.

The successful candidate should be available before 1 January 2018, and will be based on La Palma.

Contract: It is a 4-year contract with possibility of renewal for another 4-year term. Gross salary is up to 93,000 euros per year, subject to Spanish income taxes and social security deductions. Medical insurance under the Spanish National Health Service is provided for the candidate, including coverage for spouse and children.

This position is equally open to suitably qualified female and male applicants.

Applications, or any question about this announcement, should be sent by e-mail to directorsearch@gtc.iac.es

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Information about GRANTECAN and GTC: <http://www.gtc.iac.es>