The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa seeks a motivated, dynamic, and experienced visionary leader to serve as Director of the Institute for Astronomy (IfA). Building upon the many strengths of the University, as well as the unique attributes of Hawai‘i and its distinctively multi-cultural and diverse populations of students, faculty, and staff, the successful candidate has an exciting opportunity to lead the IfA in becoming a stronger intellectual presence in Hawai‘i and beyond, as well as a more engaged community partner across the state.

Reporting to the Provost, the Director will provide leadership and guidance in all aspects of the IfA, including positioning the Institute positively within local, national, and global communities; intellectual development; fundraising; and management of all aspects of IfA operations. As a senior member of the Provost’s team, the Director is expected to ensure that the mission and goals of the Institute are aligned with and supportive of the vision and strategic mission of UH Mānoa and the University of Hawai‘i (UH) System, and therefore judiciously balance the best interests of the Institute and astronomy with those of the campus, the system, and the statewide communities of Hawai‘i.

The IfA is a research institute within the University of Hawai‘i with offices and laboratories on O‘ahu, Maui, and Hawai‘i islands in addition to observatories on the summits of Maunakea and Haleakalā. With a total faculty and staff of over 240 and annual expenditures of over $29 million, it is one of the largest university astronomy programs in the world with outstanding research and teaching programs that include studies of the Sun, planets, stars, interstellar matter, galaxies and cosmology.

UH Mānoa is one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the Pacific and part of an international community of research universities. It is the flagship campus of the UH System and currently enrolls more than 17,000 students. UH Mānoa is one of the nation’s few land-, sea-, space- and sun-grant institutions, and it plays a vital role in Native Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific communities through education, research, outreach, and service. Many of the University’s fields of study relate directly to the distinctive geographical and cultural setting of Hawai‘i, a multi-island community with diverse ecosystems, geography and exceptional cultural diversity. For more information about UH Mānoa and the Institute for Astronomy, please go to https://manoa.hawaii.edu and http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu.

Nominations, inquiries, and application information

Nominations, inquiries, and applications are being accepted for this position. Review of applications will begin on or about February 7, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. For best consideration, applications should be submitted by February 14, 2020.

To apply, please visit workatuh.hawaii.edu and search for Position Number 89036.

Note: If you have not applied for a position before using NEOGOV, you will need to create an account. Please attach the following to the online application: a cover letter summarizing the candidate’s interest and qualifications for the position, a current curriculum vitae, and the names of four (4) professional references, including title and contact information. For inquiries and nominations: email ifadir@hawaii.edu or contact Michele Tom at 808-956-9396 / Fax: 808-956-7115.

For the job description and search information, please go to www.manoa.hawaii.edu/executivesearch/ifa.

The University of Hawai‘i is an equal opportunity institution and encourages applications from and nominations of women and minority candidates.