

## NOVA - 20 PhD positions

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More than 20 PhD positions will be available in astronomy in the coming year in the context of the Netherlands Research School for Astronomy (NOVA). NOVA is a federation of the astronomical institutes of the universities of Amsterdam, Groningen, Leiden, Nijmegen and Utrecht. Topics include the formation and evolution of galaxies, the formation of stars and planetary systems, exo-planets, the astrophysics of compact objects, astroparticle physics, astronomical instrumentation and laboratory astrophysics. Astronomers in the Netherlands have access to state-of-the-art telescopes and space observatories around the world.

The Netherlands has an internationally acknowledged reputation for research and education in astronomy. The PhD program is 4 yr, during which the PhD students are appointed as civil servants and earn a competitive salary. Individual projects can be found through [www.nova-astronomy.nl/application](http://www.nova-astronomy.nl/application). Deadlines vary per project and institute but can be as early as December 15 2010. A Masters degree (or equivalent) in astronomy or a related field is required.