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Positions Available: Research Associates in the Solar Orbiter SWA Operations Team (2 posts) at UCL/MSSL

We seek to appoint two individuals to join the Operations team for the Solar Orbiter Solar Wind Analyser (SWA) Investigation. In the first instance (prior to launch), these posts will be centrally involved in the full software and hardware development of the SWA operations facility and capability, which must be designed and built to handle all SWA commanding, data handling, calibration and archiving, and instrument health monitoring activities prior to the launch of the mission. Close collaboration with the ESA Science Operations Centre and Mission Operations Centre teams and SWA partners in Rome, Toulouse, Texas and Michigan will be required.

Both posts are available immediately and are funded by the UKSA until March 2019 in the first instance.

MSSL is the UK's largest university based space science research institution and is involved in many leading space research missions (https://www.ucl.ac.uk/mssl/space-plasma-physics).

The Department of Space and Climate Physics is currently applying for an Athena SWAN Bronze Award, which recognises and celebrates good employment practices for women working in higher education and research. UCL has a Silver Athena SWAN award from the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU), and a Bronze award under ECU's new Race Equality Charter for higher education; UCL is the only university to have both.

Job Title: Research Associates in the Solar Orbiter SWA Operations Team Department: Space and Climate Physics (Mullard Space Science Laboratory)

Reports to: Principal Investigator of the Solar Orbiter SWA project (Prof Christopher J Owen)

Grade: Grade 7

Salary: The salary will be in the range £31,076 - £38,183, dependent on experience.

Closing Date: 16th February 2017

A Job and Person Specification is available to download - see further information tab near the bottom of page referenced in this link:

http://tinyurl.com/z4yzc4u

or go to: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs/ and search under Reference Number 1623627.

The above links also provide the route through which formal applications for the posts must be made.