

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF ASTRONOMY (GOA)

Objectives

- Train and engage youth as Astronomy educators and communicators.
- Strengthen Goa's astronomy activities and outreach.
- Provide trained manpower to boost astronomical observatories.
- Encourage long-term interest in astronomy, space science and STEM.

Duration & Mode

Term: 4 weeks.

Sessions:

- 1 interns on duty per session.
- 3 sessions per week.
- Timing: 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM.
- Capacity: 2 interns per month.

Mode: In-person at the Public Astronomical Observatory, Terrace Junta House, Panjim.

Exposure Programs:

- Participation in school outreach activities.
- Hands on training and management of Panjim Observatory.
- Public awareness programs.
- Optional deep sky overnight sky-gazing for extended learning.

PUBLIC ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY

Eligibility & Selection

Age: 13 years onwards (no upper limit sealing).

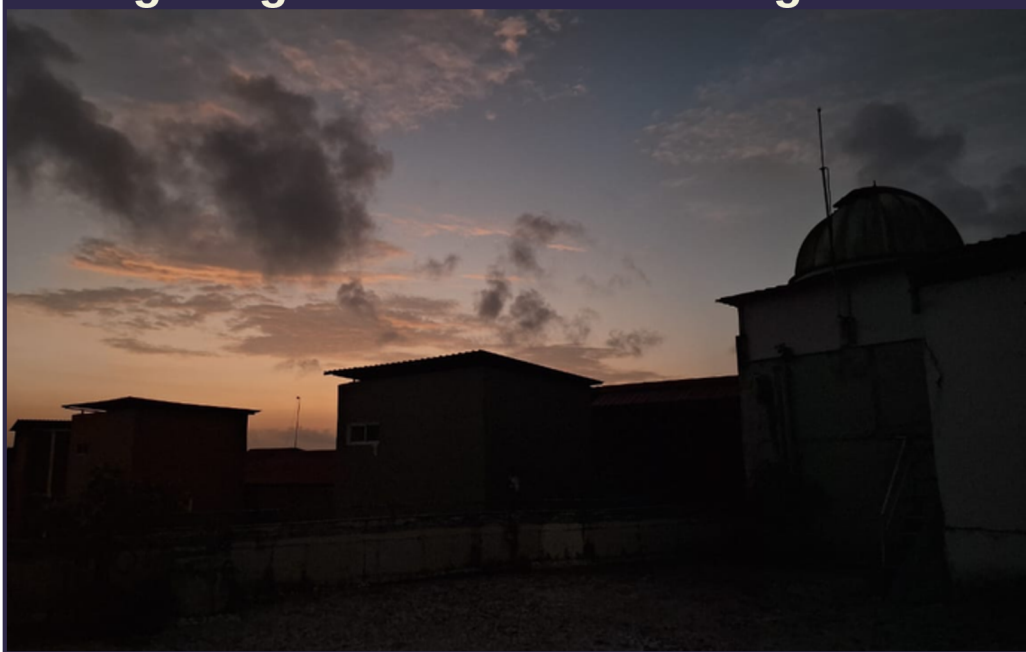
Applicants categorized into different age groups for balanced participation.

Application process:

- Standard application form.
- Shortlisted candidates called for in-person interviews.



AFA Community Astronomy Internship



Program Components

The internship program consists of the following:

- **Observational Skills:** Telescope handling, night sky identification, visitors PR.
- **Knowledge & Research:** Basics of astronomy, sky maps, logging observations.
- **Outreach & Communication Skills:** Assisting school groups, public talks, science explainers.

Incentive

honorarium:

- ₹250 per session

Recognition:

- Certificate of Completion for all.
- Letter of Recommendation for top performers.
- Membership for exemplary participant

Training & Supervision

Training:

- 3 days of preparatory training (3 hours each, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM).
- Limited to telescope usage, sky observation, object identification, visitor interaction.

Supervision:

- Supervision from experienced mentors.
- Ongoing monitoring during internship sessions.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Handling telescope, museum guide, sky observations for visitors
- Maintain a daily log (digital or physical) of activities, learnings, and observations.



Schedule

- November (First Week): In-person interviews and final selection.
- Nov 10th-12th: Training sessions (3 days).
- Nov 14 Onwards: Internship begins coinciding with observatory reopeing.

Incentive

- Trained youth capable of managing public sessions.
- Better visitor experience at the observatory.
- Stronger visibility of AFA among Goa's student community.
- Development of future science communicators and leaders.
- Community service through Science in rural and urban areas.

Evaluation

- At the end of the internship, each intern must deliver a short presentation on their experience and learnings.
- Presentations graded by senior members.
- Each intern receives an overall grade in addition to their certificate.



**Application Closes
30th October**



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