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To whom it may concern

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Regarding the Acceptance of Sabbatical Researchers (Notification)

The National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) accepts applications for sabbatical researcher status from researchers who hope to conduct autonomous research and study during a sabbatical at NAOJ, based on the following criteria.

1. Qualification for Applicants

The following types of persons are eligible to apply:

- (a) Researchers who belong to a national, public, or private university in Japan
- (b) Researchers who belong to a national or public research institute in Japan
- (c) Japanese or foreign researchers who belong to a foreign research institute
- (d) Persons who are permitted to apply by the NAOJ Director General

2. Conditions

The period must be one month or more, up to one year. This period must be continuous.

NAOJ does not pay salaries to NAOJ sabbatical researchers. Also, NAOJ, basically, does not cover travel expenses and expenses during the stay.

The sabbatical researchers must be employed at their own institutes not only at the time of application but also throughout the period they are accepted to be NAOJ sabbatical researchers.

3. How to Apply

First, applicants fill out and send in the “Application Form for Sabbatical Researcher” to the director of the prospective host project, center, or division of NAOJ. Then, the director submits the application form to the Research Support Section of NAOJ. The application form must be submitted as an attachment to an email.

4. Decision of Acceptance

The NAOJ Director General will make a decision about the acceptance through a

discussion with the NAOJ Planning Board.

5. Contact

Research Support Section, General Affairs Division, Administration Department, NAOJ

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