The Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics (SCIPP) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar in the field of high-energy gamma-ray astrophysics and particle physics for work on the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope mission (formerly named GLAST), which very recently started on-orbit operations. The Large Area Telescope (LAT) on Fermi studies the sky from 20 MeV to over 300 GeV, opening new opportunities for studies of a wide variety of high-energy phenomena, including active galaxies, the optical-UV extragalactic background light, pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, diffuse emissions, and searches for signatures of new phenomena such as particle dark matter. The Fermi Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM) provides spectral and timing information of gamma-ray bursts in the 8 keV to 30 MeV range.

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SCIPP groups maintain a diverse and active research program in particle astrophysics and particle physics. Close ties with Departments of Physics and Astronomy and with the University of California Observatories/Lick Observatory contribute to a stimulating academic and research environment.

RANK: Postdoctoral Scholar

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and qualifications, with annual range from $40,776 to $51,720.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. or equivalent in experimental astrophysics or particle physics.

POSITION AVAILABLE: following the April 30th, 2009 closing date.

TO APPLY: Electronic applications preferred. Please send a curriculum vitae and arrange to have three letters of reference sent to the address below. Applicants are also invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through their research and other professional activities.

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CLOSING DATE: This position is open until filled, with initial screening beginning after the April 30th, 2009 closing date. To ensure full consideration, all materials must be received by that date. Late submissions may be considered.

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