



Call for AstroCamp 2023 Course Proposals

AstroCamp is an academic excellence program in the field of astronomy and physics organized by CAUP and the Paredes de Coura Municipality for secondary school students from 45 different countries¹, selected according to their motivation and academic merit. It provides participants with high-level and inspiring training, rest and recreation in a secluded and tranquil setting away from the stresses of urban centers. The 12th edition will be from August 6 to 27, 2023.

Those potentially interested in teaching one of the courses at this year's camp are invited to submit a proposal by e-mail to the camp's scientific director by **March 30**.

Lecturers are not paid but their camp expenses and travel within Portugal are covered (in most cases travel to/from Portugal can also be covered). Lecturers must have a PhD in astronomy, physics or a related area and be currently active in research, and must stay in the camp for one week (Sunday to Saturday). This may be a particularly valuable opportunity for junior post-docs wishing to acquire teaching experience.

A course must consist of 15 hours of lectures (10 lectures of 90 minutes), 9 hours of practical/exercise classes (which can be given by the lecturer or the camp monitors), and 4 hours of written exams (spread over 3 days). Other restrictions apply, e.g. students have no internet/computer/mobile phone access. Proposals must describe the goals and topics of the course, including a bullet-point list of the scientific contents of each of the 10 lectures, the topics of the practical classes, and the format and structure of the written exams. The proposal should be sent as a pdf file, with a maximum size of 6 pages. A separate pdf should have a short (max. 4 pages) CV of the lecturer.

Note that at this stage there is no commitment on either side. After scientific and pedagogical evaluation of the proposals, a shortlist of courses will be sent to the shortlisted camp candidates (in mid-May), and they will have the opportunity to express their preferences by doubly-blind ranked voting. The final choice of the lecturers, considering student preferences and other factors, will be taken by the camp director at the end of May (and the detailed contents of each course will be agreed at that point).

For further information see <https://astrocamp.astro.up.pt/en/index.html>

Informal queries or course proposals should be sent to Carlos.Martins@astro.up.pt

¹ In the 2023 edition the camp will accept applications from students in the last 3 years of pre-university education who are cumulatively nationals of and living/studying in one the following countries: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay.