



EPSA Telescope Group Application 2017 - 2018 Academic Year

Overview of the Group

“Our goal is to enhance student life, by providing a valuable learning opportunity and experience on the topics of physics & astrophysics at the university level.”

The EPSA Telescope Group is a team of student enrolled in a specialist or major undergraduate program for Physics & Astrophysics at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC). The group of volunteers shall work with the Environmental & Physical Sciences Students' Association (EPSA) and the Physics & Astrophysics (P&A) Faculty to host viewing nights, outreach initiatives and focus groups, to create, gauge and promote student interest for the UTSC Telescope. The group shall consist of four (4) student volunteers, a representative from the EPSA Executive Team and a faculty advisor of the P&A group.

Overview of the Position

The term for the position extends from the point of hiring until April 30th of the current academic year. The responsibilities of volunteers include the following,

- i. Supporting the collective goals and vision for the group.
- ii. Responsible for planning and attending monthly group meetings, responding promptly to requests in regards of their availability.
- iii. Shall be actively involved in the planning and execution of the events and outreach initiatives.
- iv. In some cases, shall be responsible for facilitating viewing activities.
- v. Shall take part in a full training program outlined by EPSA and the P&A Group, to effectively handle instrumentation.

By fulfilling the criteria stated above, volunteers will be eligible to include their involvement with the group through the University of Toronto Co-Curricular Record (CCR) as a volunteer with EPSA. Furthermore, members of the group will be eligible to receive a certificate of appreciation and letter of recommendation upon request for their contribution to the program.



Application & Interview Process

All students currently enrolled in the Physics & Astrophysics undergraduate degree program offered by the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences at the University of Toronto Scarborough are eligible to apply for a position with the EPSA Telescope Group.

Applicants are required to submit the completed application form (Page 3) and a current resume by e-mail with "EPSA Telescope Group Application" in the subject line to telescopegroup@myepsa.ca or in-person to room EV264 by **Thursday, February 1st at 11:59PM**. Any forms submitted after this time will likely not be considered for the current academic term. Applicants will receive a confirmation for the receipt of their application following the deadline. Applicants deemed qualified for the position of interest will be contacted for an interview.

Qualified applicants are required to familiarize themselves with the Constitution of EPSA and the mandate of the Telescope Group, and prepare for a 15-20-minute interview. Volunteers shall be hired and interviewed by the two representatives of the EPSA Executive Team. The interview will be used to judge the applicant's qualifications and interests.



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Application Form

First & Last Name:

Student Number:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Year & Program:

Please state your reasons for applying to be part of the EPSA Telescope Group.

(150 words or less):

What qualities/skills/experiences do you possess that would be beneficial to The EPSA Telescope Group? What can you bring to the table? (200 words or less):

Do you have any general background in astronomy? Please explain. (250 words or less):

Thank you for your interest in the EPSA Telescope Group!