**MWGaia Doctoral Network PhD**

There will be one PhD project (working with Dr Nicholas Walton) available specifically focused on exploitation of Gaia data and its use in furthering our knowledge of the characterisation of systems hosting extra solar planets. The student would fully participate in the new MWGaia Doctoral Network - see the EU MWGaiaDN page at https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101072454 for the full list of participating institutes.

There is an important selection criteria related to the Mobility Rule: "the student must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the UK for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their date of recruitment."

In contrast to the more standard PhD positions, the student would be employed as a Research Assistant, and would be expected to enrol for a PhD upon appointment. The PhD fee rate would then be at the Cambridge Staff rate (this is one third of the full time Home Student fee irrespective of whether they are classified as Home or Overseas).

If you meet the mobility criteria and are interested in this project, please indicate so in the ‘Reasons for Applying’ section of the application materials.