The European Commission has recently approved under the Framework 7 Programme the ITN-People network LASSIE; a large interdisciplinary training network in the field of SOLID STATE ASTROCHEMISTRY established with the goal of addressing issues of relevance to the chemical evolution of the Universe. From 01/02/2010 and over the next 4 years, a consortium of 13 experimental and theoretical groups with 5 industrial and 1 outreach partners, led by Professor Martin McCoustra (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK), will supply training and research opportunities for up to 28 Early Stage Researchers (ESR, PhD students) and 4 Experienced Researchers (ER, Post-doctoral research assistants) at the following host sites:

Prof. M.R.S. McCoustra	Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK
Dr. L. Hornekaer	Aarhus University, Denmark
Prof. J. L. Lemaire	Paris Observatory, France
Prof. H. Zacharias	University of Münster, Germany
Dr. C. Jäger	Max Plank Gesellschaft, Germany
Dr. M. E. Palumbo	National Institute for Astrophysics, Catania, Italy
Prof. H. Linnartz	Leiden University, Netherlands
Prof. D. Chakarov	Chalmers University, Gothenburg, Sweden
Prof. G. Nyman	University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Prof. S. D. Price	University College London, UK
Prof. N. J. Mason	The Open University, UK
Dr. T. A. Field	Queen's University, Belfast, UK
Dr. H. J. Fraser	Strathclyde University, Glasgow, UK

To qualify as an Early Stage Researcher (ESR), candidates must have obtained a Masters Degree or equivalent in Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy or a related Engineering field within the past four years and demonstrate experience in experimental physics, chemical physics, physical chemistry, surface science, computational chemistry and astronomy, or theoretical astrochemistry and astrophysics. Applicants considering themselves as Experienced Researchers (ER) must already possess a Doctoral Degree or have at least 4 years of research experience (full time equivalent) since obtaining their Masters Degree. They must also have relevant expertise in one or more of the indicated areas.

The consortium is immediately hiring the first tranche of researchers with 14 ESR and 3 ER positions available NOW. Applications may be considered up to a final deadline of 30th November 2010 for appointment in 2011 of a further 14 ESR and 1 ER positions. All nationalities are eligible to apply but candidates have to fulfil the EU mobility criteria and will be required to work at a site outside their home country.

A more detailed description of the positions available at each host is available by email application to lassie@hw.ac.uk. Potential candidates are requested to obtain this document before sending a detailed application letter, curriculum vitae and contact details of two referees to the relevant local principal investigator.