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Instituto de Astronomía - Universidad Autónoma de México - Ciudad de México

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• Associate Professor

Instituto de Astronomía

Since November 2025

Ciudad de México

• Postdoctoral researcher in Astrophysics

Mullard Space Science Laboratory, University College London

Working in the Planet Formation group of Dr. Paola Pinilla

June 2024 - October 2025

London, England

• Postdoctoral researcher in Astrophysics

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Working in the group of Dr. Viviana Guzmán

April 2024 - May 2024

Santiago de Chile, Chile

• Postdoctoral Fondecyt Fellow

Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo (ANID)

Working in the group of Dr. Laura Pérez

April 2022 - March 2024

Santiago de Chile, Chile

• Postdoctoral researcher in Astrophysics

Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas, Universidad de Chile

Working in the group of Dr. Laura Pérez

March 2020 - February 2022

Santiago de Chile, Chile

EDUCATION

• Ph.D. in Astrophysics

Instituto de Radioastronomía y Astrofísica - Universidad Autónoma de México

January 2016 - December 2019

Morelia, México

Thesis: Dust dynamics and emission in protoplanetary disks. Advisor: Dr. Susana Lizano

• M.Sc. in Astrophysics

Instituto de Radioastronomía y Astrofísica - Universidad Autónoma de México

January 2014 - December 2015

Morelia, México

Thesis: Dust dynamics in protoplanetary disks. Advisor: Dr. Susana Lizano

• B.Sc. in Physics

Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas - Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

January 2008 - December 2013

Thesis: Group representation in physics. Advisor: Ing. Rodolfo Samayoa

Guatemala, Guatemala

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

• Robert Boyd award

Space and Climate Physics, University College London

Outstanding Scientific Achievement

2025

United Kingdom

• Ph.D. thesis award

División de Astrofísica de la Sociedad Mexicana de Física

Best Ph.D. thesis done in Mexico or by mexicans abroad (period 2020-21)

2021

México

• Alfonso Caso Medal

Universidad Autónoma de México

Best student of the generation, Ph.D. in Astrophysics

2020

México

• Alfonso Caso Medal

Universidad Autónoma de México

Best student of the generation, M.Sc. in Astrophysics

2015

México

• Cum Laude degree

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

B.Sc. in Physics

2013

Guatemala

• University student excellence award

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

Best student of the generation, Faculty of Engineering, Physics & Mathematics

2013

Guatemala

• Faculty student excellence award

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

Best physics student of the year for 4 years

2009-2012

Guatemala

SUPERVISED THESIS

- **co-Advisor M.Sc. Thesis in Astrophysics.** 2022-2023
Student: Luz Maritza Caballero Cano. Instituto de Radioastronomía y Astrofísica
Thesis: "Propiedades del polvo en el disco protoplanetario alrededor del sistema HD 142527"
- **Advisor M.Sc. Thesis in Physics.** 2022-to date
Student: Erick Alexander Rojas García. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala
Thesis: "Impact of dust porosity on the radiative transfer properties in protoplanetary disks"

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- **Supervision of a B.Sc. project** 2025
Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa. México.
Student: Litzy Guzmán
- **co-Supervision of a M.Sc. project** 2022-2023
Universidad Autónoma de México. México. Research to be included in a paper in preparation
Student: Luz Caballero
- **Supervision of a M.Sc. project** 2022-to date
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Guatemala
Student: Erick Rojas
- **Supervision of a B.Sc. project** 2023-2024
Universidad de Chile. Chile. Research to be included in a paper in preparation
Student: Benjamín Carrera
- **Supervision of a B.Sc. project** 2022-2023
Universidad de Chile. Chile. Research included in a paper published in The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)
Student: Benjamín Sotomayor
- **Supervision of summer research project** 2021-2024
Universidad de Chile. Chile
7 B.Sc. students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Lecturer** 2020
Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, Universidad de Chile
General astronomy. Undergrad-level course for engineers and scientist students
Santiago de Chile, Chile
- **Teaching assistant** 2019
Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores, Universidad Autónoma de México
Distributed computing. Undergrad-level course for science and technology students
Morelia, México
- **Teaching assistant** 2018
Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores, Universidad Autónoma de México
Image analysis using Python. Undergrad-level course for science and technology students
Morelia, México
- **Teaching assistant** 2013
Faculty of Engineering, Universidad Francisco Marroquín
Calculus, linear algebra. Undergrad-level course for engineers students
Guatemala, Guatemala
- **Physics laboratory teacher** 2013
Physics Department, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala
Classical Mechanics, Electromagnetism, and Optics. Undergrad-level laboratory for physics students
Guatemala, Guatemala

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **FONDECYT fellow** 2022-2024
Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo (ANID)
I applied for and received government funding to cover my postdoctoral expenses, including salary, computational resources, conference fees, and stipends.
- **CONACYT** 2016-2019
Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología
Scholarship for Ph.D. studies
México
- **CONACYT - OEA - AMEXCID** 2016
Organización de los Estados Americanos - Agencia Mexicana de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo
Ph.D. travel and accommodation
México
- **CONACYT - OEI** 2016
Organización de los Estados Iberoamericanos
Ph.D. travel and accommodation
México

• CONACYT	2014-2015
Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología	México
Scholarship for M.Sc. studies	
• CONACYT - OEA - AMEXCID	2014
Organización de los Estados Americanos - Agencia Mexicana de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo	México
M.Sc. travel and accommodation	
• USAC Grant	2008-2013
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala	Guatemala
Grant for B.Sc. studies	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

• per-Reviewer	Since 2021
Scientific articles in <i>ApJ</i> , <i>ApJL</i> , and <i>A&A</i> . ~ 2 papers per year	
• Secretary	2020-2021
Central America and Caribbean association for Astronomy Sciences (Alpha-Cen)	
• Evaluation commission	2012-2013
Guatemalan Basic Sciences Olympiad	
• ad-Honorem teacher assistant	2011
Faculty of Engineering, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala	

OBSERVATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Awarded observation time:** ALMA and VLA (as PI and Co-I), APEX, and JWST (as Co-I)
Full list of observational time at anibalsierram.github.io/Research.html

PRESENTATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC TALKS

- Colloquium and Seminar speaker** at over 12 different universities and observatories.
- Contributed speaker** to over 6 national and international conferences

Full list of Seminar and contributed speaker at anibalsierram.github.io/Talks.html

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Speaker at multiple events for general public.** Guatemala, Mexico, and Chile. ~ 30 events.
- Scientific press releases for ALMA Large program papers.** alma-maps.info/press.html, and AGE-PRO website in progress.

REFERENCES

- Susana Lizano**
Professor, Instituto de Radioastronomía y Astrofísica
Universidad Autónoma de México
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M.Sc. and Ph.D. advisor
- Laura Pérez**
Professor, Departamento de Astronomía
Universidad de Chile
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- Paola Pinilla**
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- Myriam Benisty**
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Active Scientific collaborator