



Astronomy & Astrophysics  
**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

19 February 2016

Dear Ms. Campbell,

**Offer of Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy Direct-Entry Degree Program**

I am pleased to offer you admission into our Doctor of Philosophy Direct-Entry (PhD U) program for the 2016-2017 academic year, beginning September 2016. This offer is conditional upon us receiving and validating your official documents.

The details of your offer are as follows.

**Guaranteed Funding Period**

You will be eligible for five (5) years of guaranteed funding provided that you remain in good standing. This will ensure that you have guaranteed funding that should be sufficient for you to complete your degree.

**Minimum Funding Package**

The funding packages are calculated to ensure that all students are left with at least \$22,500 after payment of tuition and fees. Your total support is comprised of several sources: departmental, university and/or external fellowships, supervisory funds (after the first year), and TA income. The latter is based on the standard department TA service of 140 hours per academic year.

For more details on department financial support, please refer to the [Scholarships](#) section of our website.

**Top-Up Funding for Recipients of NSERC or OGS**

If you hold an NSERC or OGS, you will receive a bonus of \$5,000 or \$4,000 respectively as an entering first year student. The bonus amount is \$3,000 for subsequent years.

**Tuition and Fees**

You will be responsible for payment of [tuition fees](#) and any [compulsory non-academic fees](#). International students at the University of Toronto are assessed tuition fees at a higher rate and enrolled in a mandatory university health insurance plan (UHIP). The

department will provide funds as part of your minimum support package to pay these extra costs for you during your guaranteed funding period.

### **Official Transcripts**

Your offer is conditional upon us receiving, authenticating, and verifying your academic transcripts. We ask that you immediately arrange for us to receive official transcript(s) from your previous degree(s). For a transcript to be considered official it must be received by us in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. If your degree is in progress, we will request that you also send a final official transcript upon degree conferral.

After all official documents have been verified, we will send to you a final offer of admission issued by the School of Graduate Studies.

### **Deadline for Acceptance**

We have set a nominal deadline for the admissions offer response of March 31, 2016. It would, however, be greatly appreciated if you inform us as soon as you have made your decision.

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you may have. We are very excited about the prospect of your joining us in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M.A. van Kerkwijk', written in a cursive style.

Marten van Kerkwijk  
Professor and Associate Chair, Graduate Studies