

Astronomy Map of the World

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 (or search “World Astronomy Map”)

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Abstract

I have created an online clickable and zoom-enabled world map — now viewed over 5,400 times — that contains weblinks to institutions where astronomy is either researched professionally and / or and taught in classrooms at the university level. Not included are stand-alone museums, planetariums, amateur astronomical societies, virtual institutes, nor observatories which do not fulfill this criteria. One can click on a marker to access the weblink to the relevant institute. Some markers are very close to one another, so zooming in might be necessary.



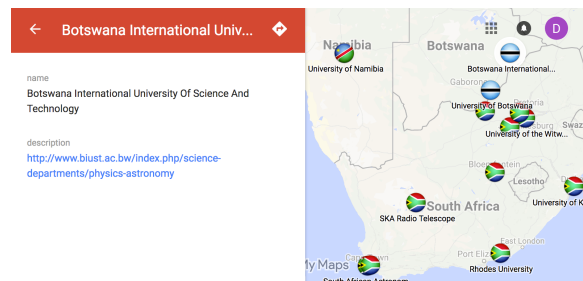
The map currently contains 697 institutes, but is still likely to be missing many, particularly in countries where astronomy's web presence is not pronounced. Therefore, please email me with weblinks of institutes that I have missed.

1. Usefulness

This Astronomy Map of the World has multiple potential uses.

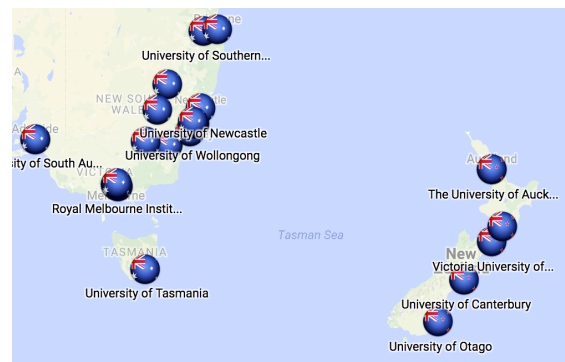
[1] Prospective undergraduate students wishing to study astronomy at university can determine geographically what programmes are available, and easily reach the relevant webpages.

[2] Graduate students wishing to pursue an academic career in astronomy can also determine geographically what programmes are available, and easily reach the relevant webpages.



[3] Graduate students, postdocs and faculty can use the map to determine where to look for jobs.

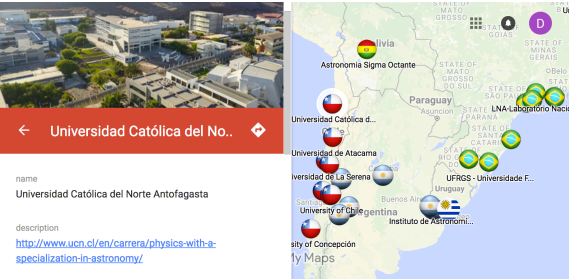
[4] Graduate students, postdocs and faculty can use the map to determine where they might give seminars or colloquia when travelling to conferences, collaborations or even holidays.



[5] Researchers wishing to form international collaborations can use the map to determine possibilities.

[6] Journal editors wishing to seek out referees can use the map to obtain lists of researchers.

[7] Amateur astronomical societies who seek professionals to give talks can use the map to determine which researchers are closest to their societies.



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