“SPRING PRESELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS”
Academic Year 2016/17
Online Application Deadline: 31st March, 2016

SISSA offers opportunities for carrying out Ph.D studies in the following fields:

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International students (non-EU citizens) can be admitted through a selection based on academic and scientific qualifications only. Students selected in this way will therefore enter the School without taking the regular entrance examination, but will be expected to pass a qualifying examination within the first year of study.

Applicants interested in participating in this pre-selection must have a University degree which qualifies them for a Ph.D programme by the beginning of the courses (October 1st for Astroparticle Physics; Geometry and Mathematical Physics; Mathematical Analysis, Modelling and Applications and Theoretical Particle Physics, November 1st for all other courses).

- **How to apply**

An online application must be filled and sent using the procedure available at the page [http://www.sissa.it/applications/phd/](http://www.sissa.it/applications/phd/)

Candidates should upload the following documents in pdf format:
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- a certificate of University examinations with marks (in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish);
- a final degree certificate if already obtained (in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish) In order to be admitted such degree must be obtained by the beginning of the courses.
- a copy of the diploma thesis (if any).

Candidates will have to indicate the names and email addresses of two professors that will be asked to send a recommendation letter through the same online procedure.
A confirmation message will be sent to the candidate when he/she will complete the application process.

The candidate will then have to print out the admission request form, sign it and send it, together with a copy of an ID document (i.e. passport) by email, fax or post to the address printed on the form itself.

**The request form must reach SISSA by 8th April, 2016. Applications received beyond this date, for whatever reason, will not be considered.**

- **Results**

  The outcome of the selections will be notified to all candidates by the end of May 2016.

- **Fellowships and other benefits**

  Admitted candidates will be awarded a fellowship of the yearly amount of € 15,010.32 gross (10.57% tax) for 3 years. Admission to the second year is subject to a Qualifying Examination at the end of the first year. The fellowship may be extended for a fourth year subject to approval by the School authorities and to availability of funds.

  A contribution towards living expenses of the amount of €100.00 gross per month will be awarded (at the end of the academic year) to those who will subscribe a registered rent contract.

  A contribution towards the expenses to be enrolled in the health insurance system up to €198,77 will be granted to non-EU students only.

  A contribution (70% of the amount of the fellowship) may be awarded to students who should be forced to suspend their activity due to illness, maternity or other serious reasons up to 5 months.

  The School may offer, to a small number of candidates not directly admitted to the PhD courses, a fellowship of 15 days (€ 500.00 net) plus contribution towards living expenses of €150.00 gross and travel allowance of €1,000.00 maximum, in order to spend participate in the Ph.D. entrance exams that will take place July/September.

  All necessary information about the online procedure and SISSA can be found at the page [http://www.sissa.it/phd-courses](http://www.sissa.it/phd-courses)

  For further information contact the Students’ Secretariat: phd@sissa.it

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(Prof. S. Ruffo)