COMPETITION FOR YOUNG SISSA SCIENTISTS

It is intended to finance projects coordinated by scientists who are holders of research fellowships (“assegni di ricerca”), even if not awarded by SISSA, and who carry out their activity at SISSA. The following conditions must be met:

i) the termination date of the said fellowship (including possible renewals) is after at least 12 months from 01/10/2012,

ii) no more than 10 years have passed since the applicant obtained his/her PhD degree, or equivalent, at the deadline for applying.

SISSA, in accordance with the decision of the Academic Senate dated 28/12/2012 and of the Board of Directors dated 02/03/2012, announces a competition for the awarding of research funding for a total amount of Euro 200,000, reserved for holders of research fellowships present at SISSA. The maximum funding for theoretical and experimental projects is respectively 10,000 Euro and 15,000 Euro. Funding is intended to cover travel expenses, and living costs abroad, invitations, computer costs, and equipment, as indicated in the financial guidelines enclosed (Att. no. 1). This funding will in no way substitute or integrate the fellowships held by the candidates. The Research Committee, on approval by the Senate and Board of Directors, may decide to increase the contribution following a motivated request from the candidate, in order to fund the organization of a conference or to buy experimental equipment, the cost of which is particularly high.

Candidates should present their research projects, together with a CV and estimated budget, exclusively by e-mail to the following address: segsci@sissa.it, as from 11/04/2012 and up until 13.00pm on 15/05/2012. All the requests for funding must receive prior approval from the Area Coordinator or his/her delegate. The research project must not last for more than the duration of the fellowship, including possible renewals. Projects will not be taken into consideration if the length exceeds the limit indicated in the application form.

The projects will be evaluated and selected by the Research Committee by 31/07/2012, on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Original and innovative contribution to scientific knowledge, within the framework of the research activities of interest to the School. The project must differ from that for which the candidate has received his/her contract;
2. Scientific importance of the research project;
3. Scientific or technical merit of the methodology proposed and their congruity with respect to the objectives of the project.
4. Should candidates receive equal rating, preference will be given to female or younger candidates.
The Research Committee may request the opinion of external referees when evaluating the candidates.
The selection of the Research Committee will be submitted for approval to the Academic Senate.

The project will start as from 01/10/2012 and must be concluded by the end of the research fellowship, including possible renewals. The scientist in charge of the project will undertake to present a final scientific and financial report and/or, on request of the Area concerned, a seminar on the work carried out, within one month from the end of the project, the date of which must be indicated in the project itself. The Committee reserves the right to publicize the scientific report and to use it when evaluating future requests for funding.