



SISSA  
SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI

## TRANSLATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1 RESEARCH POSITIONS (Decree n.75 dated 10.02.2012)

### Art. 1

A public selection, based on the evaluation of project proposals and academic qualifications, is hereby announced for 1 research position in the **Scientific Area specified in Annex 1** at the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste as specified in the following list. Admission requirements, the required experiences and the eventual oral examination are specified in the over mentioned Annex 1.

### Art. 2

Candidates must be in possession of a scientific-professional curriculum which enables them to carry out research activity and meet the further requirements specified in the Annex 1. Personnel with permanent positions in Italian Universities, Astronomical and Astrophysical Observatories and Public Research Institutions (in accordance to the Italian law DPCM of 30.12.93, art. 8), E.N.E.A. and A.S.I., or in Institutions which confer scientific degrees considered equivalent to PhD (in accordance to the Italian law DPR no. 382/80, art.74) are excluded from applying.

In accordance to the Italian law 240/10, art.18 candidates having a family relationship or other degree of kinship with the following persons are also excluded from applying:

- SISSA Professors belonging to the Sectors which are offering the positions
- Director of SISSA;
- Administrative Director of SISSA
- Member of the Council of Administration of SISSA (see Annex A)

The research fellowship is awarded through a private contract which does not give any right regarding access for employment in the Universities.

### Art. 3

The research fellowship is worth Euro 23.760,00 gross per year and includes contributions to be paid by the contractor. The fellowship is paid monthly. The fiscal and social security treatment of the research fellowship is in accordance with Italian law no. 476/84, art.4 and Italian law no. 335/95, art.2, par. 26 and followings. The School provides accident and third-party insurance that covers the research fellow while carrying out research for the School. The insurance premium is deducted from the fellowship.

### Art. 4

The fellowships cannot be held contemporaneously with other fellowships of whatever kind, except those awarded by Italian or foreign Institutes with the aim of integrating the training or research activity of the fellowship holders through a period abroad. The Senate of the School can authorize fellowship holders to carry out other professional activities if they are compatible with the research position, are not in conflict of interest with the same position and are not prejudicial to the School. Fellowship holders willing to carry out external activity in a continuous way, if compatible with their research assignments, and following a written approval by the



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scientist responsible for the research project, can participate in research assignments commissioned by SISSA for third parties (in accordance with the art. 66 of the Italian D.P.R. 382/80) and in the division of the earnings coming from this activity, in accordance with the regulations. Fellowship holders can not be enrolled in University Degree courses, PhD courses with fellowship or medical school of specialization in Italy or in a foreign country. The research fellowship holder, who is a State employee, must be given unpaid leave for the period of the fellowship.

### Art. 5

The academic requirements for admission to the competitive selection mentioned above on art. 1 are specified in the annex 1. The selection is based on the evaluation carried out on the project proposal submitted to the examining board, as well as on academic qualifications and publications of the applicant. Before the beginning of the evaluations the examining board will define the evaluation criteria for academic qualifications and publications and for the interview, if foreseen. The academic qualifications evaluation criteria, which can be specified by the examining board coherently to international parameters, will value the relevance, the importance and the quality of:

- proven research activity;
- academic titles (University Degree, PhD, specialization degrees or other certificates of attendance regarding post-degree specialization courses in Italy or in foreign countries frequency);
- Other qualifications

The academic qualifications must be relevant with the positions offered or with similar research field and must be in possession of the applicants at the expiry date of the public announcement.

### Art. 6

The examining board is nominated by the Director of SISSA, according to the proposal of the concerned Sector Councils. It is composed of a maximum of five members representative for the Scientific Area.

At the end of the evaluations the examining board will draw up a report, including the evaluation criteria, the total mark obtained by each candidate and a classification of those considered eligible relevant to each scientific field of interest (*Settore Concorsuale*).

The interview, if any, is normally carried out at SISSA.

Candidates living out of Italy or 500 km far from SISSA can sit a telematic oral examination using workstations located in Universities or Italian diplomatic offices. The identity of the applicants must in this case be certified by the personnel of the workstation or through telematic location. The applicant's identity will be afterwards verified when the contract will be signed. Candidates willing to apply to the telematic procedure must specify it in the application form.

The procedure results and the final classification will be approved by Director Decree. The eligible candidate will undertake a research contract with SISSA in accordance with Italian Law no. 240/10, art. 22.

The classification will not give any rights to further procedures.



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### Art. 7

Applications, which must be consistent with the attached form ("application"), have to be addressed to the Director of SISSA and **must reach the School**, via Bonomea, 265, 34136-Trieste, **no later than March 12, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.**

The application form with the original signature must be sent:

1. by postal mail;
2. by fax (no. 0403787240) if accompanied by a copy of a legible and valid identity document or
3. -by delivery to Human Resources Office (Sissa, Via Bonomea 265 – Trieste, rooms 203-204, second floor). from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., except the date of expiration: 1.00 p.m.)

Applications sent by electronic mail will not be accepted.

In their applications candidates will have to indicate:

- a) their full particulars, date and place of birth, home address, the address where they wish to receive communications regarding their application and a telephone number. Changes in this information should be rapidly communicated to the Direction of the School;
- b) the specific position to which the applicant wishes to submit a research project proposal. Who wishes to apply to different positions will have to submit specific applications each accompanied by relevant academic qualifications and publications. No reference to academic qualifications or publications submitted in the present or previous applications is admitted.
- c) the University Degree obtained, indicating the date it was awarded, the mark obtained and the University which awarded it, the title of the degree thesis and the name of the supervisor;
- d) the title of the eventual PhD Degree obtained, indicating the date it was awarded, the University which awarded it, the title of the PhD Degree thesis and the name of the supervisor;
- e) any other academic qualifications which prove, in particular for candidates who do not have a PhD Degree, their scientific curriculum.
- f) the complete list of the titles and publications to be submitted to the examining board. This list must be prepared in accordance with international formats and must specify all the authors. Copy of the titles (e.g. University Degree) and publications have to be included with the application or in alternative, sent in .pdf to the following e-mail address: [assegni.ricerca@sisssa.it](mailto:assegni.ricerca@sisssa.it).

We remind that the application can be sent only as specified by point 1,2 and 3 of this article.

The SISSA Administration does not assume any responsibility for any missing, late or incomplete transmission of documentation connected to the selection process due to postal, telegraphic or computer problems for which SISSA is not at fault.

The SISSA Administration does not assume any responsibility for the loss of correspondence due to an incorrect address indicated by the candidate or due to a late, or lack of communication of address change in the application; mistakes by third parties in delivering correspondence by post or telegramme, fortuitous events or reasons of force majeure.

Within three months of the examination, candidates must meet the expenses of the documents retrieved and of the publications submitted. After this period SISSA cannot be held responsible in any way for these documents and publications.



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### Art. 8

After budget verification is carried out, the suitable candidate will receive notification of the award of the research contract. Within 30 days from the beginning of the research activity at SISSA, Italian and European Community candidates or non-European Community citizens resident in Italy will have to send to the Direction of SISSA the following documents:

- A) personal declaration of birth, citizenship and residence or presentation of an identity document not yet expired; non-European Community citizens have to show their passport;
- B) personal declaration and copy of documents attesting: 1) the possession of a PhD Degree or 2) the completion of a three-year PhD course or 3) the possession of a University Degree including the mark obtained and the date in which the degree was awarded or 4) the possession of an equivalent academic qualification;
- C) copy of the fiscal code issued in Italy;

Non-European Community citizens authorized to sojourn in Italy owing to the conventions between Italy and their own country have to send the same over-mentioned documents.

Non-European Community citizens regularly sojourning in Italy can use a substitute declaration exclusively for personal qualities and events certified and attested by public Italian subjects.

In any different case the above stated information have to be documented by a personal declaration and by relative photocopies within 30 days from the beginning of the research activity at S.I.S.S.A. Within 60 days from the beginning of their research activity winners have to produce a declaration concerning the information requested in points A, B and C issued by the foreign competent authorities with a translation in Italian authenticated by the Italian Consulate abroad.

The School reserves the right to verify all personal declarations.

Should a letter of acceptance not be received, or the above documents not be presented in time or a candidate refuse the position, the research fellowship will be offered to the next candidate eligible in the classification list, through authorization by the Director, at the express request of the responsible scientist or the Sector's coordinator. The starting date of the fellowship shall be agreed with the scientist responsible in the Sector for the research fellowship.

### Art. 9

The contract holders undertake to carry out research activity as foreseen in the contract and in accordance with the research program of the Sector. The research activity is carried out in the frame of the research project for which the applicant has been selected. Every year the fellowship holders must present a report of the activity carried out in the previous year to the Council of the Sector. In major case of non-compliance the contract can be terminated, by decision of the School Senate and on proposal of the Council of the Sector, heard the counterpart.

The contract is automatically resolved in the following cases:

- 4. lack or unjustified delay in the starting of the research activity
- 5. unjustified suspension of the activity for more than 15 days
- 6. serious violation of the incompatibilities established for the award of the research fellowship
- 7. negative evaluation of the research activity expressed by the Council of the Sector



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An authorized absence of up to 30 days a year does not require the fellowship to be suspended or the absence to be recuperated at a later date.

At least 30 days of advanced notice must be given in case of resignation, in which case no penalty will be applied.

### Art. 10

The total duration of the research fellowship and the eventual renewals must not exceed 4 years with the same person. To this end, the period in which the person has been enrolled in PhD courses (without grant) is not taken into account. In accordance with Italian Law no. 240/10 one person can not be awarded research fellowship or temporary researcher contracts with SISSA or other universities, public, private or telematic nor with other person as specified by art. 1 of the Italian law no. 240/10 for a period exceeding 12 years. To this end the periods of absence due to maternity leave or state of illness are not taken into account.

The research contract renewal is decided by the School Senate and, as for the financial coverage, by the Council of Administration, on the basis of the evaluation of the research activity carried out by the contract holder, the state of the art of the research programme, following request of the scientist responsible in the Sector for the research activity.

### Art. 11

SISSA, in accordance with the Italian D.Lgs. 30.06.2003 n.196, undertakes to respect the privacy of all personal data provided by the candidates: all data will be used only for the purposes of the selection and for the drawing up of the relevant contract.

Trieste, 10.02.2012



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### Annex 1

#### Position 1 – **Cognitive Neuroscience Sector**

Area: 05 - *Scienze biologiche*

Settore concorsuale: 05/D1 *Fisiologia*

Scientific focus of the research activity: Instrumentation for behavioral neurophysiology

Scientific Area: Acquisition of physiological and behavioral signals

Responsible scientist: : prof. Mathew Diamond

Members of the research group: Cognitive Neuroscience Sector - Tactile Perception and Learning Lab

Requirements for the admission to the competitive selection:

- University Degree
- Proven Experience in construction and maintenance of equipment and instrumentation for research in behavioral neurophysiology; use of integrated software for the design and construction of materials and instruments (CAD/CAM)

Duration of the research fellowship: 12 months, renewable

Annual gross employee: € 23,760.00;

Financing by SISSA's funds

Approved by Cognitive Neuroscience's Council on 11.01.2012, School's Senate on 17.01.2012 and by Administrative Council of SISSA on 24.01.012.



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Annex A

**Elementary Particle Sector**

PROFESSORS (PRIMA FASCIA)	PROFESSORS (SECONDA FASCIA)	RESEARCHERS
prof. Mathew Diamond		
prof. Alessandro Treves		
prof.a Raffaella Rumiati		

SISSA Director:

Prof. Guido Martinelli

SISSA Administrative Director :

Dr. Luca Bardi

Member of SISSA Council of Administration :

SISSA Director – Prof. Guido Martinelli  
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Fabio Fratnik  
Prof. Giorgio Rossi  
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