

2023 call for PhD students Selection process and application portal: a guide for applicants

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1. Selection committee

The selection committee consist of the entire faculty of ISTA.

2. Overview of the evaluation and selection process

2.1 Online application tool

ISTA accepts applications only via its own online application platform available during the application period (2023 call: 16 December 2022 - 28 February 2023). Documents submitted via any other channels will not be considered.

The deadline to submit the application is 28 February 2023 (15:00 CET); referees have until 5 March 2023 (23:59 CET) to submit their recommendations.

The deadline to change the details of your referee is **28 February 2023** (noon, 12.00 CET). Requests received later will no longer be considered.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all documents are received on time. Requests to submit documents late are not granted. ISTA will only process complete and submitted applications; all others will <u>not</u> be reviewed.

All documents need to be submitted in English, additionally transcripts will also need to be submitted in their original language. Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- (a) contact information
- (b) indicate the names of professor they wish to work with
- (c) indicate their research interests
- (d) upload a CV, statement of purpose, university transcripts and diplomas in their original language as well as in English
- (e) information on the educational background
- (f) background on the grading scheme of country
- (g) information on internships and/or other relevant activities
- (h) contact details of 3 referees willing to send letters of recommendations

Referees are contacted automatically via the platform and sent a unique link to the platform through which they are able to provide feedback about the applicant using a standardized questionnaire.

2.2 Completeness checks

The program management reviews all submitted applications on formal grounds. Applications that are started but not submitted are not considered. Applications that are missing the required documents or are missing the necessary number of reference letters are marked as incomplete and are no longer considered in the selection process.

2.3 Mode of evaluation:

The formal and first scientific evaluation is based on the application materials, with a meeting of the experts held in late March, to decide on who is to be invited for interviews (in late April/early May). Results will be available shortly thereafter (early April).

The second scientific evaluation is conducted via interviews by 3-5 professors. Interviews may be done remotely or on-site. Results will be available after all interviews have formally concluded (late May).

2.4 First level evaluation: review of applications

All complete applications are forwarded to at least three different professors at ISTA, for scientific review and evaluation.

The assignment is based on these criteria in descending order:

- (1) name of a professor listed by the applicant
- (2) based on the research interests indicated in the application; every professor is matched with a predefined list of research fields; the research interests match, then the application is assigned to the professor
- (3) spread of the work load among professors; if the applicant indicated only very general research interests, then the work load of each professor is taken into account as well. All experts have the opportunity to add one or more experts to the application if they deemed necessary.

A bundle of indicators is used to evaluate the candidate regarding the applicant's preparedness, motivation, and potential. The following will be considered:

- a. course performance overall, with a special focus on relevant field specific courses
- b. reference letters provided by professors and scientists who have supervised the applicant in an academic setting. One letter from non-academic work environment is accepted, but letters from an academic background should be given priority; referees are asked to address analytical capabilities, technical proficiency, ability to work independently and motivation/commitment
- c. statement of purpose past research experience and motivation for applying to this particular PhD program, is it a good academic fit, does the program contribute to the candidate's future career plans, etc.
- d. additional relevant skills (field specific) e.g. demonstrated in internships and/or participation in research projects, participation in science Olympiads, programming languages, lab techniques, etc.
- e. transferable skills e.g. communication skills, experience with working in teams, previous motilities and international experiences, leadership experience as demonstrated in student organizations etc.
- f. diversity e.g. a woman in computer science/math/physics; an applicant who switched fields; etc.

2.5 Second level of evaluation: interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by ISTA professors (April/May). Interviews will either be conducted online OR onsite. Professors will decide whether to interview a candidate online or remotely; however the candidate can also express a preference which will be taken into consideration.

Online interviews will take place in late April and early May. Onsite interviews will most likely take place in the third week of May. In this case we will cover the travel costs, provide you with an invitation letter should you need a visa, and on-site accommodation for the visit.

Shortlisted candidates are asked to list 3 to 5 professors who they are interested in talking to. The final interview assignment will balance the wishes of the students, wishes of professors, and overall time constraints. The assignment is done in such a way that students are given at least their two top choices.

Early interviews make take place if the student requests it (e.g. if under time pressure from another institution). Professors will decide whether to interview a candidate online or remotely.

The final selection committee takes place in the week after the interviews and admission offer will go our shortly thereafter. The deadline to accept or decline an offer is 30 June 2023.

3. Instructions – Overview and Timeline

The application portal will be available in the application period only (16 December 2022 – 28 February 2023). To apply to the PhD program of ISTA you have to create an online account, which will allow you to track your application through its various stages.

You do not need to complete the application process in one session. You can return to your account and save your application as often as you like, up until you are ready to submit.

We recommend using a desktop computer; performance on mobile devices such as tablets and mobile phones cannot be guaranteed.

Step 1: Create an account

Register online by entering your e-mail and choosing a password. You will receive an e-mail with a link to confirm and finalize the registration of your user account immediately.

Step 2: Read the instructions

Read the instructions carefully to make sure you complete all steps and upload all necessary documents.

Step 3: Enter application data

There are five parts to your application. Make sure that you press "Save" regularly before moving on to a different section.

Step 4: Submit your application

Ensure that your application is complete and correct before submitting. Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make further changes.

The submission deadline for applicants is 28 February 2023 (15:00 CET). Referees need to submit their recommendations by 5 March 2023 (23:59 CET). The deadline to change the details of your referee is 28 February 2023 (noon 12.00 CET). These deadlines are firm and extensions are not granted. Beware of the time zone!

ISTA will only process complete and submitted applications; all others will not be reviewed. If your application is incomplete (e.g. sections left blank, documents and/or references missing, misspelled e-mail addresses of referees, and so on...), we will not contact you to inform you that it is incomplete.

If there is an urgent matter regarding your application submission that is not addressed in the instructions or FAQ, please contact our administrator at <u>phd.admissions@ista.ac.at</u>

Applicants should note ISTA cannot answer telephoned queries. Please note that we receive a large number of applications and a high volume of applicant inquiries as the deadline approaches. We aim at answering all written inquiries within 24 hours during standard office hours (Mon – Fri 9 AM – 5 PM CET), but may take longer during peak times. Requests submitted outside these times and on the

weekend (Sat and Sun) will be answered on the next working day. Keep in mind that 24-26 December, 31 December, 1 January and 6 January are public holidays in Austria.

Results of the first round will be available around early April; offers will go out after interviews in late May. Deadline to accept or decline an offer is 30 June 2023. Start of the PhD program is 15 September 2023.

3.1 Personal data

Please enter data into all required fields. Required fields marked with an asterisk (*).

Personal Data				to the top
First name*		Last name*		
Current address (street, number)*	Current address (city)*		Postal/ZIP code*	
Country*				
Select an Option	•			
Is your permanent address different from your cu	rrent address?*			
Select an Option				•
Personal email*	Home phone		Mobile phone*	
email@address.com	+43/12 34 567		+43/12 34 567	
Homepage / online profile (URL)				
Example: http://www.linkedin.com/in/brucewayne				
Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)*	Gender*		Nationality*	
YYYY-MM-DD	Select an Option	*	Select Some Options	

Make sure that you follow the format when entering your data.

Mobile phone: +43123456; make sure to include the country code. Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD): 1994-10-26. Any other formats such as 1994-Oct-26 or 26.19.1994 are not supported and will result in an error when trying to submit.

3.2 Education

Please enter data into all required fields. Required fields marked with an asterisk (*).

Please enter your degree information in this section, starting with your bachelor's degree. The minimum formal entry requirement is a Bachelor degree. In case of admission, you will need to finish your first degree before September.

If the official title is different from Bachelor or Master please choose the best equivalent.

Education	he top
Please enter your degree information in this section, starting with your bachelor's degree.	
f you have not been awarded your bachelor's/master's yet, please enter the expected graduation date in the corresponding fields. In case of admission, you will to finish your 1st degree before September.	need
rou will be asked to upload copies of your certificates and transcripts in the Section "Application Data". All diplomas and transcripts need to be submitted in their original language as well as in English. An official translation is not required at this point.	
The form field "instution name" adheres to naming used in the Global Research Identifier Database (GRID). When entering the name of your institution, please use https://www.grid.ac/disambiguate to identify the exact name of your institution, type it in the "institute name" field, and choose from the dropdown selection. If institution is a college, choose the university it is affiliated with.	
By September 2021, what is the highest degree level you will have obtained?*	
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I will have attained a bachelor's degree level by Sep 2021.	
I will have attained a master's degree level (or higher) by Sep 2021.	

If you are still enrolled in your degree program and have not been awarded your bachelor's/master's yet, please enter the expected graduation date in the corresponding fields and indicate that the degree has not been awarded yet.

The form field "institution name" adheres to naming used in the Research Organization Registry (ROR). When entering the name of your institution, please use <u>https://ror.org/search</u> to identify the exact name of your institution, then type it in the "institute name" field, and choose from the dropdown selection. If your institution is a college, choose the university it is affiliated with.

Bachelor's (or equivalent) degree					
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If your institution is a college, please choose the univer	rsity it is affiliated with.				
City	Country*				
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By September 2023, what is the highest degree level you will have obtained?*

Indicating that you will have earned a **Master** degree will open up a second field dedicated to the Master program. You can add additional degree programs by answering the question: "Do you have any other degrees?" with "Yes".

If you are enrolled in a dual BS-MS program or a 5-year program finishing with a Master (or equivalent) degree, please use the same start and end dates for both the Bachelor and the Master program.

You can add **additional degree** programs by answering the question: "Do you have any other degrees?" with "Yes". This will open up a new section, addressing the same questions as for the Bachelor and Master degrees.

Do you have any other degrees?
Yes X Y
Other Degree(s)
Please add your other degree(s) in this section. Click "add Other Degree(s)" below this box to add more degrees.
Degree type*
O Bachelor's (or equivalent) O Master's (or equivalent) O PhD (or equivalent) O Other
Field of study* Department*
Institution name (please type part of name and choose from dropdown selection)*
If your institution is a college, please choose the university it is affiliated with.

Make sure that you follow the format when entering your data.

Degree start date requires the following format: YYYY-MM i.e. 2020-09. Any other formats such as 2020-Sep or Sept 2020 are not supported.

Highest/lowest possible passing grade requires the following format: 5.0

Enter at least one least one decimal place. Any other formats, letters or special characters such as 5, A, 5% etc. will not be supported. If your university uses the percentage system, indicate the percentage you obtained and which percentage is required to pass. Enter them in a number format only. If the grading uses letters, please use the numerical equivalent, either that given in your diploma/transcripts supplement or by direct transference. E.g. for a grading scale from A-F, with A being the best, then the numerical equivalent scale would be 1-6, with 1 being the best: enter 1.0 here.

3.3 Application Data

Application Data	he top
Choose up to three areas that represent your current research interests, starting with the most relevant one (in decreasing order of relevance). You can either choose a broad area, such as "Biology" or "computer Science", or a more specific area, such as "Biology: Cell and Developmental Biology". For more information on research topics covered by our faculty, please consult: https://phd.ist.ac.at/all-research-groups/ (by subject area) or https://ist.ac.at/en/research/ (by group leader).	i the
Your selection of areas is not binding. IST Austria offers a single interdisciplinary PhD program. Once admitted to the program, you can explore different areas of research.	
Please rank your interests (top interest first) by choosing up to 3 research areas from the following list:*	
Select Some Options	
Please name 3-5 professors (in order of preference) whom you would like to interview with, should you be shortlisted for interviews. They should be (or closest to) the area(s) of research you would like to pursue if you were admitted to IST Austria.*	in
Select Some Options	
Please refer to the following page for an overview of groups: https://phd.ist.ac.at/all-research-groups/ (by subject area) or https://ist.ac.at/en/research/ (or by group leader). Please note that faculty that are not yet on campus are not listed on the website.	

Choose 3 research areas you are interested in doing your PhD in, and rank them. We recommend using subfields rather than generic categories to ensure the best match between your application and the professors working in that field of interest.

The list indicates research areas represented by professors currently at ISTA. Keep in mind that you will need to find an academic home. **If your primary interests are not listed here, then ISTA is not a good academic fit.**

The following subfields are available:

Biology: Biochemistry Biology: Biophysics Biology: Cell and Developmental Biology Biology: Evolutionary Biology Biology: Genetics and Genomics Biology: Quantitative Biology Biology: Structural Biology Biology: Systems Biology

Chemistry: Biochemistry Chemistry: Catalysis Chemistry: Electrochemistry Chemistry: Inorganic Chemistry Chemistry: Materials Chemistry Chemistry: Organic Chemistry Chemistry: Photochemistry Chemistry: Physical Chemistry Chemistry: Supramolecular Chemistry Chemistry: Theoretical Chemistry

Computer Science: Algorithms and Complexity Theory Computer Science: Cryptography and Security Computer Science: Formal Methods and Programming Languages Computer Science: Machine Learning and Computer Vision Computer Science: Scientific Computing and Computer Graphics Computer Science: Software, Distributed, and Embedded Systems

Data Science: Bioinformatics Data Science: Modeling Data Science: Numerical Simulation Data Science: Statistics Data Science: Topological Data Analysis Mathematics: Algebra / Representation Theory Mathematics: Analysis and Differential Equations Mathematics: Discrete Mathematics Mathematics: Geometry / Topology Mathematics: Mathematical Biology Mathematics: Mathematical Physics Mathematics: Number Theory Mathematics: Probability Theory

Neuroscience: Cellular Neuroscience Neuroscience: Computational/Theoretical Neuroscience Neuroscience: Developmental Neuroscience Neuroscience: Molecular Neuroscience Neuroscience: Structural Neuroscience Neuroscience: Systems Neuroscience Neuroscience: Translational Neuroscience

Physics: Physics: Atmosphere and Ocean **Dynamics** Physics: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics **Physics: Biophysics** Physics: Complex Systems **Physics: Condensed Matter Physics Physics: Computational Materials Science** Physics: Fluid Dynamics / Turbulence **Physics: Materials Science Physics: Mathematical Physics** Physics: Nanotechnology **Physics: Numerical Simulation Physics: Optical Imaging Physics: Quantum Physics** Physics: Soft Matter **Physics: Statistical Physics** Physics: Ultrafast Optics **Physics: Stellar Physics Physics: Extragalactic Astrophysics**

Please name 3-5 professors (in order of preference) whom you would like to interview with, should you be shortlisted for interviews. They should be in (or closest to) the area(s) of research you would like to pursue if you were admitted to ISTA. Keep in mind that you will need to find an academic home, and that the professors you choose will be reading your application. It is therefore in your interest to choose professor whom you think will best be able to evaluate your background. **If your primary interests are not listed here, then ISTA is not a good academic fit.**

For an overview of groups consult: <u>https://ista.ac.at/en/research/</u> (or by group leader) or <u>https://phd.ista.ac.at/all-research-groups/</u> (by subject area). Please note that faculty that are not yet on campus may not be listed on the website.

Important note: Fyodor Kondrashov is no longer at ISTA, and is therefore not listed anymore. Lefteris Kokoris-Kogias and Bernd Bickel will be on leave until September 2023 and February 2024 respectively. Andela Saric will be on maternity leave until June 2023.

3.4 Attachments

All documents must be submitted in English. All university diplomas and transcripts/scoresheets must be submitted in their original language <u>and</u> in English. An official translation is not required at this point.

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields. You will not be able to submit your application should you fail to upload a CV, a statement of purpose, and at least your Bachelor or equivalent degree transcripts (as available at the time of application).

Language tests such as TOEFL, IELTS etc. are <u>not</u> mandatory. Include them only, if you have them readily available. The program language is English throughout. Therefore, proficiency in written and oral English is expected and essential. If invited for interviews, we will evaluate your English skills in the interviews.



Please upload all relevant documents in English and as **unencrypted**, **password-free PDF files**. Other file formats such as .doc, .jpg, .png etc. are <u>not</u> supported. The maximum size per file is **39MB**. If a document consists of more than one page (e.g. transcripts), please combine these pages into a **single PDF document**. Make sure that the files **allow for document assembly**.

Please upload university **transcripts** for any degree program you have attended and/or are currently enrolled in. If you have completed a degree, please upload the **final transcript** and **diploma/certificate**. If you have not completed your program yet, please use the transcripts/scoresheets that are currently available to you.

Please note, with regard to the information provided in your CVs:

We do not collect any special categories of personal data during the application process (in particular data revealing your racial or ethnic origin, political opinion, religious or philosophical beliefs or trade union membership, as well as health data or data on sex life or sexual orientation). If you nevertheless provide us with information that contains special categories of personal data, this constitutes your explicit consent pursuant to Art 9 (2) point (a) GDPR that we may process this data.

3.5 Internships, Awards, and Publications

In this section you can give us additional information that may strengthen your application e.g. about lab experience you might have or internships you have done. Please note that this is mostly voluntary information. Your application will be considered complete if the optional fields are left blank. All applications will be reviewed in the same rigorous manner.

Have you done an internship at IST?	Have you done any other internships?
Select an Option	Select an Option
If yes, please describe your internship experience in 1-2 lines.	
Do you have any laboratory experience outside course work? Select an Option	•
If yes, please describe it in 1-2 lines.	
Do you have any publications?	
Select an Option	
If you have any publications, please specify URLs (DOIs prefer	rred).
Have you participated in any science olympiads in any of the fi Biology Chemistry Computer Science Mathematics	
If yes, please describe it in 1-2 lines	
Have you won any awards?	
for your bachelor's thesis for your master's thesis for a pu	publication 🔲 for other academic achievements
If yes, please describe it in 1-2 lines	

3.6 Additional information

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields.

Where did you learn about the IST Austria PhD program?* Select an Option	Y
Please specify:*	
Select an Option	Ψ
Have you previously visited IST Austria?*	
Have you previously visited IST Austria?* Select Some Options	

3.7 Referees

Enter the contact details of 3 referees. Make sure that the e-mail addresses are still **valid**, the **spelling** is correct, and that you there are **3 distinct email addresses** (i.e. duplicate email addresses are not permitted). Institutional e-mail addresses are preferred.

- 1. Enter the details of referee
- 2. Click "add referee" to add fields for the next referee
- 3. Save the application form
- 4. Use the "contact referees" button to send the request immediately

Your referees will receive an e-mail directly from us with the subject "Request for Letter of Recommendation – ISTA" with a link to an online platform. The **deadline for the referees** to submit their letter is **5 March 2023 (23:59 CET)**. Be mindful of the timezone your referees are located in.

E-mails can get lost in personal or institutional spam folders or may be blocked by institutional firewalls. Therefore, **make sure that your referees have approved** receiving emails from the e-mail address <u>phd.admissions@ista.ac.at</u> <u>before</u> sending the request.

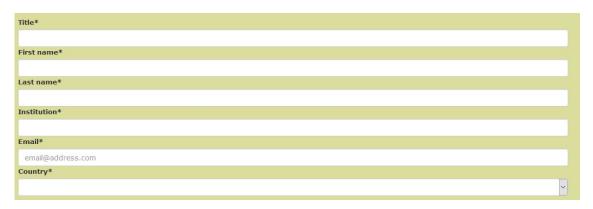
Enter all e-mail addresses manually: **do not copy/paste** them from a website as it may be encoded to protect it from spambots trying to extract addresses from websites. Again, **double-check the spelling**! We will <u>not</u> contact you should we receive bounce backs from e-mail addresses.

Save the application form, and make sure to click the "**contact referees**" button. Otherwise the request will only be sent only <u>after</u> you have submitted your application.

You can send a **reminder** to your referee **once**. Do not send a reminder minutes or hours after the first request. Allow your referee time to respond.

Once you have requested the reference letter, you will no longer be able to make any changes to the **referee**. If you need to update the contact details of one of your referees, you will need to contact <u>phd.admissions@ista.ac.at</u> and specify exactly which referee is affected and what fields need to be updated. The deadline to request changes is **28 February 2023 (12.00 noon CET)**. Requests received later will no longer be processed.

NB. you do <u>not</u> need to wait for completed references to be received before you submit your application!



Status referees

You can log-in to the application and check the Referee Status page to see the status of each reference letter (created – requested – received).

Created

You have entered the referee and their e-mail address but have not requested the reference yet, i.e. the referee has not yet received an e-mail from us yet. If you do not explicitly request the letter, then the e-mail will be sent only after you have submitted your application.

Requested

The e-mail to the referee has been sent, but the referee has not answered the request yet.

Reminded

A reminder e-mail to the referee has been sent, but the referee has not answered the request yet.

Received

The letter of recommendation has been submitted and received. You will **<u>not</u>** receive a separate notification from us once letters have been submitted.

Referees

Title	First name	Last name	Institution	Country	Email	Status
Dr.	Fred	Fake sen.	University of Coruscant	Norway	@ist.ac.at 📄	created
Dr	Fred	Fake Jr	University of Tatooine	Bolivia	@ist.ac.at	submitted
Dr	Fred	Fake	University of Tatooine	Argentina	@ist.ac.at	submitted

Choose your referees carefully: they should be someone who has taught you or supervised your academic and/or research work and are therefore able to evaluate your academic and research performance. These can be professors, assistant professors, postdocs or equivalent positions.

We recommend including the principal investigator(s) who supervised your thesis work.

We require that letters of recommendation are coming from the referee directly. These letters are confidential and you will not have access to them. Uploading a letter of recommendation by yourself will lead to an automatic disqualification and your application will no longer be considered.

You can request the reference letters before submitting your application form. Make sure to click the "**Contact referees**" button to send the request to the referees immediately while still working on your application. This allows your referees to have more time to work on the reference letters.

You can send a **reminder** to your referee **once!** Use this functionality carefully and allow your referee time to respond the request.

If you need to **change the contact details of your referees** (typo in the e-mail address, substituting a referee with a new one), you will need to contact <u>phd.admissions@ista.ac.at</u>. The deadline to make changes is **28 February 2023 (12.00 noon CET)**. Requests will be answered within standard office hours (Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM CET; requests received on Sat and Sun will be answered on the next working day). Note the following public holidays in Austria: 24-26 December, 31 December, 1 January and 6 January.

3.8 Submit application



Submit your application. If your application remains at the status "created" then it is NOT submitted will **NOT** be reviewed.

NB. You can submit your application *before* all referees have submitted their letters of recommendations.

The tool will not allow you to submit your application in case you have not filled-in the required fields. Fields that require input from you will be listed and relevant fields will be highlighted.

Gender is required value	
Curriculum vitae must be a pdf	
Your average grade must be number with one or tw	o decimal places (e.g. 10.00, 10.0)
Gender* Select an Option	
Gender is required value	
Curriculum vitae*	
Browse No file selected.	
Curriculum vitae must be a pdf	
Your average grade*	
10.0	
Your average grade must be number with one or two decimal	places (e.g. 10.00, 10.0)
Please include at least one decimal place.	

3.9 Status referees

You can log-in to the application and check the Referee Status page to see the status of each reference letter (created – requested – received).

Created

You have entered the referee and their e-mail address but have not requested the reference yet, i.e. the referee has not yet received an e-mail from us yet. If you do not explicitly request the letter, then the e-mail will only be sent after you have submitted your application.

Requested

The e-mail to the referee has been sent, but the referee has not answered the request yet.

Reminded

A reminder e-mail to the referee has been sent, but the referee has not answered the request yet.

Received

The letter of recommendation has been submitted and received. You will <u>not</u> receive a separate notification from us once letters have been submitted.

Referees

Title	First name	Last name	Instit
Dr.	Fred	Fake sen.	Univer
Dr	Fred	Fake Jr	Univer
Dr	Fred	Fake	Univer

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