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What is the ISTernship program?

The ISTernship program is a summer internship program of IST Austria.

IST Austria offers summer internships to outstanding undergraduate students interested in basic research in Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Neuroscience and interdisciplinary areas.

Interns will choose a group to work in, will be assigned a specific project and will conduct research under the close supervision of one of the members of the faculty and, for experimental labs, a lab mentor.

Interns will receive an introduction to research at IST Austria as well as an introduction to the IST Austria Graduate School. The program culminates with a research symposium, where the interns present their work to their peers, faculty and lab mentors.

Internships are full-time and will be conducted exclusively in English.

How do I apply?

Apply for our ISTernship program by submitting your application using our [online application form](#), by **February 15, 2017 11:59PM CET**. Reference letters are due by February 15, 2017 11:59PM CET as well.

Who is eligible to apply?

Candidates must be enrolled Bachelor- or Master of Science students in good standing at a degree granting institution. They must have completed at least the fourth semester of their bachelor's studies (before the respective start date).

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is **February 15, 2017 11:59PM CET**

What documents do I need?

To complete your application, you will need the following:

1. **Your resume/CV:** include
 - a. your educational history since high school
 - b. relevant work experience
 - c. additional qualifications
 - d. list of publications (if any)
 - e. scholarships, awards, etc. (if any)
2. **Statement of purpose:** a 1 page essay in which you explain
 - a. your research experience and the research area(s) you find the most interesting
 - b. your motivation for applying to the IST Austria ISTernship program
 - c. Which professor(s) you may be interested in studying with
3. **One or two referee(s)** who taught or supervised your work in academic setting:
you will need to enter
 - a. their names
 - b. institutions, and
 - c. email addresses

How and when will I be notified of the results?

Notifications to all applications will be sent out around mid-March 2017.

How long is the ISTernship program?

The duration of the ISTernship program is between 8 – 12 weeks between May 15 and September 15.

Is there compensation for ISTerns?

All ISTerns receive a monthly scholarship payment as well as access to affordable health insurance and subsidized housing.

In addition ISTerns receive an allowance for their travel costs.

Where will I receive my monthly scholarship?

IST has entered into an agreement with the [OeAD](#) in order to facilitate the administrative issues. Soon after being selected by the IST you will receive the official scholarship document from the OeAD. In case you need a visa for coming to Austria OeAD will send a confirmation to the respective Austrian representative.

OeAD will disburse the monthly scholarship and the travel allowance and arrange an insurance after your arrival if necessary. Note: for visa issues you have to take out a travel insurance valid for 10-14 days. Further information please see www.oead.at/scholars and www.oead.at/vienna

Where is IST Austria?

IST Austria is located just outside of Vienna. It is a short 25-minute bus ride from Heiligenstadt (U4).

Vienna is consistently voted [one of the best cities in the world](#) to live in, and interns have the choice of living on campus, a quiet area with beautiful woods and close to the world-famous monastery ([Stift Klosterneuburg](#)), or right in the hustle and bustle of Vienna.

How do I get to IST Austria from Vienna?

By public transport

1. Take [U4 subway](#) (green line) in the direction of Heiligenstadt until the last stop 'Heiligenstadt'
2. Take [IST Shuttle Bus](#) or [Bus 239](#) to stop "IST Austria". The trip takes approx. 25 minutes.

Do I need to speak German?

No. English is the language used for communication in the Institute.

Is accommodation available?

Housing is available on IST campus.

There is a guesthouse with 38 [guesthouse rooms](#) (24 single rooms, 6 single rooms equipped to be suitable for persons with disabilities, 4 double rooms, 4 junior suites), for short stays of up to 3 months.

Space is limited and rooms are booked on a first come, first-served basis.

If you do not get a room or if you prefer to stay in Vienna, check off the respective field on your scholarship document (sent out by the OeAD) and you will be linked to the [OeAD Housing office](#) (www.housing.oead.ac.at) which will provide accommodation in Vienna for you.

How do I find out more about IST Austria?

The best way is to browse our [website](#), the most up-to-date source for events and institute-related announcements.

“Like” our [Facebook page](#), to stay in the loop about IST Austria and the whereabouts of our scientists!

We also have a quarterly [newsletter](#), which is a summary of the highlights of our institute, in a compact quarterly format. You can also choose to have it delivered straight into your (virtual) mailbox, by filling out this form.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have any questions about our ISTernship program, feel free to contact us: istintern@ist.ac.at