

Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed a call for 9 PhD positions available with funding in Relativistic Astrophysics.

The International Relativistic Astrophysics PhD is a newly established international Doctorate Program in Astrophysics that has been selected by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate.

This PhD programme has a duration of 3 years and is developed within a consortium:

- UNIVERSITE DE NICE - SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS, France (Coordinating institution)
- SHANGHAI ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY, China
- FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, Germany
- AEI - POTSDAM, Germany
- TARTU OBSERVATORY, Estonia
- STOCKHOLM UNIVERSTIY, Sweden
- UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA, Italy
- UNIVERSITY OF ROME - LA SAPIENZA, Italy
- BRAZILIAN CENTRE FOR PHYSICS RESEARCH, Brazil
- OBSERVATORY OF THE CÔTE D'AZUR, France
- INDIAN CENTRE FOR SPACE PHYSICS, India
- INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS NETWORK, Italy
- UNIVERSITY OF SAVOIE, France

Director of the course: Prof. Remo Ruffini

Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Coordinator: Prof. Pascal Chardonnet

Applications are now solicited for the course starting in September 2012.

Deadline for Application: February 19, 2012

We invite applications from top-ranked students that either hold or are expected to obtain before August 2012 a Master Degree in Theoretical Physics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Mathematics or closely related fields. A certified good knowledge of the English language is required.

9 Erasmus Mundus Doctorate Fellowships will be made available by the European Commission.

The selection of students is primarily based on excellence.

Full information about the IRAP PhD programme, the application form, current poster, and detailed instructions on how to apply can be found on the web-site:

<http://www.irap-phd.eu/>

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Sincerely yours,

Prof. Pascal Chardonnet