### **Page - Application information**

ISTScholar is IST Austria's PhD program. To apply 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.

#### 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 finalize the registration of your user account immediately.

#### Step 2: Enter application data

There are five parts to your application. Make sure that you press "Save" each time before moving on to a different section! If you leave a page without having saved it, your data will be lost and you will have to re-enter it.

### Step 3: 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 is January 8, 2016 11:59 PM CET. Referees need to submit their recommendations by January 15, 2016 23:59 PM.

IST Austria will only process complete and submitted applications; all others will not be reviewed.

If there is an urgent matter regarding your application submission, please contact our administrator at <a href="mailto:gradschool@ist.ac.at">gradschool@ist.ac.at</a>

Please also consult the FAQ on our website.



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# Page - Personal data

Please enter information into all required fields. Required fields are highlighted.

First name	Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)	
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### Page - Education

Please enter your degree information here.

If the official title is different from Bachelor or Master please choose the best equivalent. Once a degree entry has been saved, it will appear on top of the page. You can modify the information by clicking the pen icon on the right hand side, or delete it by clicking the red x sign on the right.

If 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 need to complete your 1st degree before September. You will be asked to upload copies of your certificates and transcripts in the Section "Application Data".

All documents need to be submitted in English. All diplomas and transcripts need to be submitted in their original language as well as in English. A certified translation is not required at this point.

Degree	Your average grade
Bachelor (or equivalent)	•
Field of study	Best possible grade for this degree
Institution	For example, if grades range from 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, then enter 10 here.
	Lowest passing grade for this degree
Main website of the institution	
	For example, if grades range from 1 to 10, and with 5 you pass the degree, but with 4.9 you don't, then
Department	enter 5 here.
City	
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Year of graduation	
Month of graduation	

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Choose up to three areas that represent your current research interests. 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. The maximum number of areas you can select is three.

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.

#### Areas of Interest

Please rank your interests by arranging your selection from top to button by dragging your top choice to the top.

Computer Science

Computer Science: Algorithms

Computer Science: Computer Graphics
Computer Science: Computer Vision
Computer Science: Cryptography
Computer Science: Machine Learning

Computer Science: Theoretical Computer Science

Mathematics

Mathematics: Analysis

Mathematics: Discrete Mathematics Mathematics: Geometry / Topology Mathematics: Mathematical Physics

Mathematics: Probability Theory and Stochastics

Mathematics: Statistics

Data Science

Numerical and Computational Science

Biology

Biology: Biochemistry Biology: Biophysics

Biology: Cell and Developmental Biology

Biology: Evolutionary Biology Biology: Structural Biology Biology: Systems Biology

Neuroscience

Neuroscience: Cellular Neuroscience

Neuroscience: Developmental Neuroscience Neuroscience: Molecular Neuroscience

Neuroscience: Structural Neuroscience Neuroscience: Systems Neuroscience

Neuroscience: Theoretical/ Computational Neuroscience

Physics

Physics: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics

Physics: Biophysics

Physics: Fluid Dynamics / Turbulence

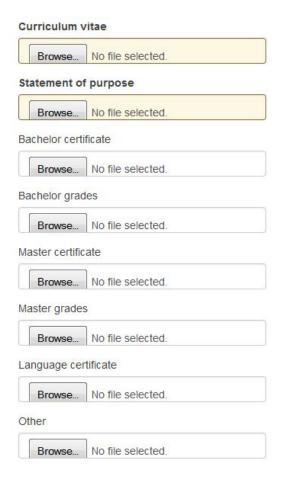
Physics: Mathematical Physics

#### **Attachments**

Please upload all relevant documents in English and as unencrypted, password-free PDF files.

Mandatory uploads are a curriculum vitae, and a statement of purpose that explains your research experience and your motivation for applying to the ISTScholar program. You can also specify in this if there are any specific research group that you would like to work with. At this stage you do not need to contact potential supervisors.

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. We will not process applications that do not include transcripts. A language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS, GRE) is helpful but not mandatory. The IST Austria TOEFL code is 6384.



## **Page - Additional information**

In this section you can provide us with 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.

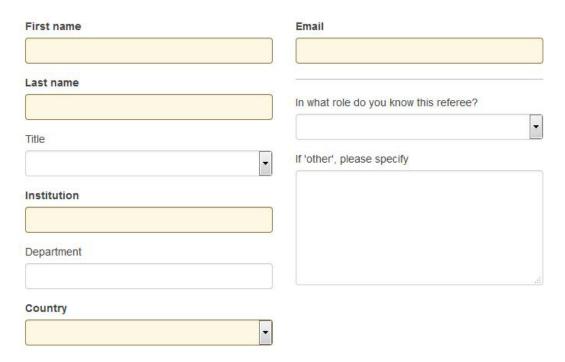
All applications will be reviewed in the same rigorous manner. Your answer in the residency question will not affect your application in any way.

Where did you learn about ISTScholar?	
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Have you resided in Austria for more than 12 months (cumulative) since 01.01.2013?	- 2.2
no	•
Have you done an internship at IST?	
yes	•
Have you done any other internships?	
no	•
If yes, please describe it in 1-2 lines	
Do you have any laboratory experience outside course work?	ai
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If yes, please describe it in 1-2 lines	
Have you participated in any science olympiads in any of the fields below?	::1
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Enter the names and e-mail addresses of 3 referees who have taught you or supervised your work and are therefore able to evaluate your academic and research performance. They will receive an e-mail directly from us with the subject "Request for Letter of Recommendation – IST Austria" with a link to an online platform. Make sure that the e-mail address is still valid and the spelling is correct.



Use the send recommendation option (⇒) to send the request to the referees immediately while still working on your application. Otherwise the request will only be sent after you have submitted your application.



Please note that we are unable to process your application without letters of recommendation. These letters are an integral part of your application, and it is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by **January 15, 2016 11:59 PM CET**. You can track the status of the letters to see whether the letters have arrived (□). Please make sure to remind your referees in a timely manner.

