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**IMPRS on Astrophysics in Garching:
Invitation to the IMPRS Recruitment Workshop & Interview**

Garching, January 3rd, 2018

Dear Timea Kovács,

I am writing on behalf of the Selection Committee of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) at the University of Munich. We have reviewed your application for a PhD position in the IMPRS on Astrophysics and we are pleased to inform you that you have been placed on our shortlist.

We will hold a three-day recruitment workshop in Garching / Munich from February 25th - 27th, 2019 and we would like to invite you together with the other short-listed candidates to attend this event. The aim of the workshop is to inform you about the institutes participating in the IMPRS and their research activities. We would like to learn about your own interests and how your interests might fit into the research programs here as well as to initiate discussions with potential supervisors.

The workshop will take place in the lecture halls at the "Max-Planck Institut für Extraterrestrische Physik (MPE)". The preliminary format of the workshop is as follows:

February 25 (2 pm - 6 pm): Presentations about the IMPRS and research at the participating institutes by the directors and staff members

February 26 (9 am – 6 pm): Presentations by PhD student candidates

February 27 Private meetings and interviews between students and potential supervisors

We will be able to cover the cost of a train, bus or economy round-trip plane ticket to Munich as well as your accommodation in a hotel or guesthouse in Garching. We would appreciate if you could make the most economic arrangements for travel. Please submit a summary of your estimated travel costs as soon as possible **but no later than January 14th 2019**, as **without prior approval we may not be able to refund you**. For the refund by an international bank transfer, you are expected to show your original travel receipts and provide your bank data (**including IBAN number and BIC code**) during the workshop. Please note, that costs of any private side arrangements cannot be covered! If you are invited at other schools / institutes in Germany or the Netherlands (e.g. Heidelberg, Leiden, Amsterdam) for an interview please let us know, so we can find together the best travel arrangements.

We will take care of your accommodation, once we know the dates of your visit. Attendees should arrive in Munich on February 24th or February 25th early in the morning and depart by February 27th or 28th 2019. We will organize buffet dinners in the evenings of the two first workshop days and buffet lunch on February 26th. Breakfast will be served in your hotel.

You are supposed to give a presentation of your work at the workshop. Please prepare a 15-minute presentation about the research work, which you have carried out in your master thesis or your undergraduate project, in case that your master thesis is at an early stage. About five additional minutes will be allocated for questions and discussion. You are requested to bring your presentation slides on a USB-stick. Please make sure that your slides are available in Microsoft Powerpoint, or PDF format. If you are a keynote user, please save your presentation in PDF format to prevent incompatibilities with the computers in our lecture rooms. You will not be able to use your own laptop for the presentation.

Please submit the title and the abstract (ASCII-text or doc-file) of your presentation by January 21st, 2019 at the latest. The written abstract has to fit on a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Din A4 page. We put all presentations together in an abstract booklet that will be handed out to all participants of the workshop. We would also like to receive your portrait photo in JPG or PNG format. This will be included in the booklet as well, so that our supervisors can easily recognize you during the workshop.

Please contact Annette Hilbert (office@imprs-astro.mpg.de ; phone: +49-89-30000-3650) to let us know at your earliest convenience whether you will be able to attend this workshop and the interviews.

In case you need further information about your presentation and your travel to Germany, please let us know. If you have any problems obtaining a visa, please inform us immediately so we can get in touch with the German embassy in your home country.

We look forward to meeting you in Garching.



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