Fall School in Neuroscience “The adaptive brain from development to disease”,
a training opportunity for all disciplines.

Baveno (Stresa), September 29 – October 2 2015

Guide for Applicants

Foreword
The Team di Ricerca Strategica in Neuroscience (NEURO-NEST) of Università degli Studi di Milano will select a total of 25 PhD students attending the 29th and 30th PhD cycles at Università degli Studi di Milano who wish to participate to the first Fall School in Neuroscience titled “The adaptive brain from development to disease”.
The main focus of the NEURO-NEST Team is to foster research in the Neuroscience fields at Università degli Studi di Milano and favor internal networking among the different disciplines present at the University.
In agreement with the Team objectives, the Fall School will offer scientific seminars, sessions dedicated to transferrable skills, and opportunities to openly talk to worldwide-known speakers and PhD students from different disciplines in the Neuroscience areas. All disciplines, in fact, are welcome to the first Fall School in Neuroscience.
The School will take place from September 29 to October 2 2015, at Hotel Splendid in Baveno (Stresa, VCO).
The School will be possibly recognized in the educational plan of the PhD student.

Language
The working language of the school will be English.

Costs
All expenses related to accommodation and school activities will be covered by the organizing committee.
Travel costs will be covered by the attendee.

Application process
Applicants must send electronically to neuroscience@unimi.it as a single pdf file containing:
- A motivation letter, explaining why the candidate is interested in attending the Fall School in Neuroscience (Maximum 1 page, font size not less than 11).
- An abstract in english reporting:
  - Title (200 characters, spaces included)
  - Applicant name
  - Project summary (Explain the focus of the project, main results and relations with the neuroscience fields) (2000 characters, spaces included)
  - Panel: LS (life Sciences), PE (Physical and Chemical Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science and Informatics, Universe and Earth System Sciences & Engineering), SH (Social Sciences and Humanities)
  - Font size: not less than 11.
- A Curriculum Vitae in english reporting (Maximum 2 pages, font size not less than 11):
  - Name and Surname
  - Date of Birth
  - PhD Course
  - PhD supervisor

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Eligibility criteria for applicants
At the time of the deadline for submission (July 24th 2015) of motivation letter, abstract and CV, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- Applicants must be PhD students enrolled by Università degli Studi di Milano for the 29th and 30th PhD cycles;
- Applicants must carry on a research project focused on one of the many multidisciplinary aspects of Neurosciences.

Applications from researchers who do not meet these requirements will be rejected. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

The selection/evaluation process
All applications undergo an initial eligibility check; those that do not conform will be triaged out. Applications that meet the eligibility requirements undergo a review process performed by the Coordinating Committee of NEURO-NEST that ensures a fair, independent and expert evaluation of their scientific merit.

Reviewers agree that they will maintain the confidentiality of the application and associated materials they have received.

The following review criteria will be used to review applications:

- Motivation letter: reviewers will consider the commitment of the candidate to the topics identified by the Fall School Programme.
- Curriculum vitae of the applicant: Reviewers will evaluate the applicant’s education and track record. Previous and ongoing experience in the Neuroscience fields will be considered.
- Abstract: the abstract will be judged based on its coherence with the school objectives and program.

For each application, the scores received from all reviewers will be averaged to generate the applicant’s global score, which will be used to rank the applications.

At the end of the review process, on the date indicated in the Deadlines section, all candidates will be notified of the results of their application with a communication from the NEURO-NEST Team. The final decision cannot be appealed.

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