



Bonn-Cologne Graduate School  
of Physics and Astronomy

## Welcome to the BCGS!

The Bonn-Cologne Graduate School of Physics and Astronomy welcomes you to our PhD program. Enjoy and make the most of it! This note collects some information that you may find useful as you start your research here. You can find a copy of this form also on the BCGS webpage [http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/Internals/BCGS\\_internals.html](http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/Internals/BCGS_internals.html) (internal pages, see BCGS offices for access).

The thesis advisory committee (TAC) is an integral part of our PhD program. The TAC consists of your supervisor and two further faculty members (This includes lecturers or junior group leaders. Please try to have both universities represented on your TAC.). The TAC oversees your progress towards the PhD and offers advice and support. You will meet after roughly 18 months with your TAC to report on your progress and discuss your plans for the subsequent stages of your PhD.

Your PhD advisor can advise you on choosing your TAC members, please ask them to agree to serve on your TAC and obtain their signatures on the respective form (see page two and internal pages). It is your responsibility to schedule the mid-term evaluation meeting. On the internal pages, you will find a form to document these meetings. Continuation within the BCGS PhD program requires the approval of your TAC.

Please also supply any outstanding documents and certificates to the BCGS office at your university. Specifically, we ask you for certified copies of your degrees (e.g. BSc/MSc or comparable). Please also let us know if your personal data changes. Apart from registering with the BCGS, you also need to enroll at Bonn or Cologne University for several terms. Additional rules and regulations apply – the BCGS offices can advise you if you need help.

### 1. Course information

You are welcome (and indeed encouraged) to attend lecture courses at either university. Here you find advanced courses offered this term:

<http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/#section-4> (Teaching)

### 2. Practical information

The BCGS webpage includes links (incl. information on German classes) that may be useful as you adapt to life in Bonn and Cologne.

<http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/#section-5> (Student Life)

### 3. Scholarship program (H2 program)

You can apply for the scholarship program up to 12-18 months into your PhD. The PhD scholarship gives you a stipend of 300 Euro per month on top of your salary. For details, see [http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/Applying/BCGS\\_Apply\\_H2.html](http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/Applying/BCGS_Apply_H2.html) and discuss with your thesis supervisor.

Please turn over.

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Email address:

☐ My email address may be used for the BCGS mailing list to inform about upcoming events.

The most important thing the BCGS can do for me is:

Date:

Signature:

Thesis Advisory Committee

Name of student		Date: Signature:
TAC		
First member		Date: Signature:
Second member		Date: Signature:
Third member		Date: Signature:
Tentative title of Ph.D. thesis		