



Bonn-Cologne Graduate School
of Physics and Astronomy

Welcome to the BCGS!

The Bonn-Cologne Graduate School of Physics and Astronomy welcomes you for your Master's course. Enjoy and make the most of it! This note collects some information that you will find useful as you start your course. You can find a copy of this form also on the download area of the BCGS webpage http://www.gradschool.physics.uni-bonn.de/Internals/BCGS_internals.html

By default, **all physics and astronomy graduate students** are members of the BCGS and can participate in all BCGS events, obtain funding for conferences and summer schools and as well as research trips, get support for German language classes, or take up research internships. (As research interns, students join a research group to undertake a research project of typically four weeks duration. Research internships are open to all MSc. students.)

Please fill in the form below and hand it in to the BCGS administration; this way we can send you event announcements and keep you informed about developments in the BCGS. Apart from registering with the BCGS, you also need to enroll at Bonn or Cologne University for the Master's course. Additional rules and regulations apply – the BCGS offices can advise you if you need help.

1. Course information

Here you find the course contents and the specific lecture courses offered this term:

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

You are welcome (and indeed encouraged) to attend courses at either university. Credit points are freely transferable.

2. Practical information

The BCGS webpage includes practical links (incl. information on German classes) concerning student life in Bonn and Cologne:

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

Please turn over.

Name:

Enrolled at University of Bonn Cologne MSc Physics MSc Astrophysics

Email address:

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

Date:

Signature:

3. Scholarship program (honors branch)

The information below applies to the members of the BCGS scholarship program (honors branch). Along with the stipend come a number of opportunities and responsibilities:

1. In the framework of the BCGS mentoring program, faculty members at both universities are available for advice and support. Please choose two mentors (one from each university) and fill in the Mentoring Agreement Form which is available on the internal pages. Please submit the signed form to your local BCGS office 6 months after your arrival at the latest.
2. Please send (brief) biannual reports on courses you took and your further plans to both your mentors and the BCGS office at your university.
3. As a member of the honors branch, you have student allowances of 500,- EUR per year, i.e. a maximum of 1000,- EUR. Please contact your local BCGS office for further details.
4. Research internships give you firsthand research experience and help you shape your choices for your master's thesis and beyond. Research internships are open to all MSc. students, members of the scholarship program are expected to take at least one internship and hand in a corresponding report.
5. We expect you to contribute to BCGS events such as workshops, poster sessions, advanced courses, and joint lectures between the two departments (Physics & Astronomy). In particular, we expect you to present a poster in the annual BCGS poster session once you have entered the research phase.
6. Please supply any outstanding documents and certificates to the BCGS office at your university, and keep your local BCGS office up to date about your personal contact information and status.