



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 will find useful as you start your research here. 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 PhD 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, or get support for German language classes. 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.

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 the download area on the BCGS homepage). It is your responsibility to schedule the mid-term evaluation meeting. In the download area, you will find a form to document these meetings. Continuation within the BCGS PhD program requires the approval of your TAC.

Please keep your local BCGS office up to date about your personal contact information and status. 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 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

Email address:

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

Date:

Signature:

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)

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