

CALL FOR ESPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PhD FOR INNOVATION 2025: "training & learning by doing" program

SISSA invites students and postdocs to express their interest in participating in the PhD FOR INNOVATION project.

PhD FOR INNOVATION brings together talent and innovation, academia and companies. Promoted by SISSA, it is the project that aims to match the best skills with companies: the two languages, academia and business, will meet in the field to create impact, with the aim of creating concrete opportunities for the future of the PhD students.

The aim of this project is, on the one hand, to encourage the collaboration between companies and scientific research in the mechanism of knowledge transfer and production, and, on the other hand, to facilitate the constitution of interdisciplinary and non-interdisciplinary PhD groups that could work in synergy and that could apply their problem-solving skills, and their methods and knowledge to punctual and actual innovation problems deriving from the real world. In terms of placement and talent valorisation, the opportunity to collaborate directly with the industry offers PhD students and young researchers the possibility to enrich their educational background by putting them in contact with new approaches, languages, and points of view useful to enrich their career opportunities and in addition to increase their visibility and let them face with punctual and concrete challenges.

Approximately, we consider the project duration to be about 2 months with 2/3 hours per week for each member, in any case this commitment shall be compatible with the research activities provided for each PhD course and postdoc activity and it shall not compromise in any way their regular execution.

ROAD MAP:

After receiving the expressions of interest, the SISSA Valorisation and Innovation Office will collect all the competences and start to involve the companies in the indicated topic.

Once the business challenges will be sent out, the office will contact the students and postdocs who have expressed their interest in order to finalize their participation.

At this point, teams and company or companies can start working on the project.

During the project, there will also be a training part to provide participants with a useful toolbox. The project will end around June 2025.

Interested individuals should write to valorisation@sissa.it, including a CV **by April 9th, 2025**.

This is not a registration form. Based on the expression of interest for this project, SISSA will determine the companies and challenges to be included in the program.