

## **Funded Fellowship – ISTernship Summer Program**

The [Institute of Science and Technology Austria](#) (ISTA) is looking for highly qualified **Bachelor's** or **Master's** students in the fields of **Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry & Materials, Computer Science, Data Science & Scientific Computing, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics, Neuroscience** and interdisciplinary areas to apply for the ISTernship program.

The ISTernship (“ISTA-” + “(int)ernship”) is a **summer program** for students from all over the world who are looking to expand their scientific research experience. Every summer since 2013, students join the ISTernship program and work closely with our faculty or a lab member on a short research project.

As part of the application, prospective participants choose a research group to work in, and successful applicants agree on a research project with the group leader. Upon arrival, ISTerns receive an introduction to research at ISTA as well as an introduction to the ISTA Graduate School.

The program culminates with a research symposium, where ISTerns present their work to peers, faculty, and lab mentors. You can find more information on the ISTernship [here](#).

Internships are full-time, compensated, and will be conducted exclusively in English.

### **DURATION**

2-3 months between May 15 and September 15. Exact dates and length are decided together with the supervisor.

### **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Candidates must be enrolled Bachelor- or Master of Science students (or similar) in good standing at a degree granting institution. They must have completed at least the fourth semester of their bachelor's studies (before the respective start date).

We ask you to upload the following documents to the application portal:

- **CV**
- **Statement of purpose** that explains your research experience and the research area(s) you find the most interesting, your motivation for applying to the ISTA ISTernship program, and which professor(s) you are interested in working with. (1 page maximum.)
- **University transcripts and diplomas** of all degree programs and all years you have attended and/or are currently enrolled in (we recommend to submit these in the original language as well as in English).
- **Contact information of 1 or 2 referees**

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Each successful candidate receives compensation to assist with the cost of living in Austria and travel to and from Austria.

## **EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

ISTA cherishes diversity in personalities, backgrounds, experiences and thoughts among all our employees. Diversity creates a workplace that enables employees to gain new ideas and insights and that will take science into exciting new directions.

ISTA is committed to equal opportunities and social equity, regardless of age, gender (identity), ethnicity, race, social/cultural background, creed, religion, sexual orientation, and physical/cognitive abilities. Please see our [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion web page](#) for more information.

**The application deadline for the 2026 ISTernship is February 5, 2026 (15:00 CET).**

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[Join our Virtual Student Open Day on November 25!](#)

The Virtual Student Open Day is a great opportunity to explore our programs and campus virtually, wherever you are located. The program includes a range of live sessions from the Graduate School Office, academics, and students.

You can find out about our PhD program, the ISTA research experience, support services, the ISTA campus and much more by attending one of the talks.

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The [Institute of Science and Technology Austria](#) (ISTA) is an international institute dedicated to basic research and graduate education in life science, physics, mathematics, and computer science. ISTA is an interdisciplinary research institution that aims to break down the traditional boundaries between disciplines and foster both theoretical and experimental research. In 2019, ISTA was ranked #3 in the world-wide [Nature Index ranking](#) (normalized).

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