

The **Solar System School** invites applications for

PhD Scholarships in Solar System Science

The International Max Planck Research School for Solar System Science at the University of Göttingen ("Solar System School") offers a research-oriented doctoral program covering the physical aspects of Solar system science. It is jointly run by the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) and the University of Göttingen. Research at the MPS covers three main research areas: "Sun and heliosphere", "Solar and Stellar Interiors" and "Planets and Comets". Solar System School students collaborate with leading scientists in these fields and graduates are awarded a doctoral degree from the renowned University of Göttingen or, if they choose, another university.

The Solar System School is open to students from all countries and offers an international three-year PhD program in an exceptional research environment with state-of-the-art facilities on the Göttingen Research Campus. Successful applicants receive an attractive scholarship covering relocation support, housing and living expenses and are exempt from tuition fees. The language of the structured graduate program is English, with complimentary German language courses offered (optional). The program includes an inspiring curriculum of scientific lectures and seminars as well as advanced training workshops and provides travel funds to attend international conferences.

Applicants to the Solar System School should have a keen interest in Solar system science and a record of academic excellence. They must have, or must be about to obtain, an M.Sc. degree or equivalent in physics or a related field, including a written Masters thesis (or a scientific publication), and must document a good command of the English language.

Review of applications for a starting date of September 2014 will begin on **15 November 2013**, but other starting times are also negotiable. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

Applications should be prepared following the instructions at <http://www.solar-system-school.de> and must include: a curriculum vitae; a completed application form in PDF format, including a list of all courses with credits and grades; a transcript of all academic records, including copies of High School Diploma, B.Sc., and M.Sc. or equivalent degree, with English or German translations. It is highly recommended to also send GRE Physics test scores or equivalent for candidates who have obtained their Master's degree at a university outside of Europe as well as a certificate to prove proficiency in the English language, for candidates whose native language is not English or German (e.g. transcript of TOEFL / IELTS scores or equivalent). The completed application must be sent by email in one single PDF file as an attachment to the address info@solar-system-school.de. Two letters of recommendation prepared using the School's PDF form should be emailed to the same address by the referees.

The Solar System School is committed to increase the diversity of its student body and particularly encourages applications from members of under-represented groups.

For further information please consult the on-line application instructions and direct any inquiries to the IMPRS coordinator, Sonja Schuh, at info@solar-system-school.de.