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Application guidelines
for the
PhD Program
Inflammation and Immunity (IAI)

The international PhD and MD/PhD Program **Inflammation and Immunity (IAI)** announces new openings for graduate student positions awarded to the best candidates on a competitive basis.

Requirements:

- Highly qualified applicants from all over the world are invited to apply provided that they are not older than 28 years. Age limit extensions are applicable for special private circumstances; please contact the [coordinator](#) for details.
- All applicants should be fluent in written and spoken English (TOEFL certificate or others)
- All applicants must hold a university degree latest by October 2010 and should fulfill the official admission criteria for PhD students at the MUW (see §2 of the [Curriculum of the PhD-Studies](#)). The university degree should qualify for the start of a PhD thesis in their home country and ideally should be equivalent to a European university diploma.
- All applicants should have excellent academic track records and demonstrate strong enthusiasm and talent for research.

Application:

By September 15, 2010 (deadline) applicants should mail or [email](#) the completed [application forms](#) containing the following information to the IAI PhD Program office:

- a detailed CV demonstrating competence and motivation for science
- all undergraduate level certificates including university grades. Foreign documents must be sent as certified English translations
- a summary of technical and scientific experiences
- the synopsis of the diploma thesis
- a list of publications and/or presentations at meetings
- names and address of 2-3 referees who will separately have to send letters of recommendation and a completed [questionnaire](#) to the IAI PhD Program office (see details below)
- indication of at least 2-3 preferred laboratories / projects within the IAI program ([click here for details](#)) and explanation for these choices. This statement of preference will be considered by the IAI faculty but is not regarded as a strict commitment by either side.

Only complete applications can be considered for the selection procedure.

Reapplications will not be considered.

Application forms can be [downloaded](#) directly from this website or are available from the IAI PhD Program office at:

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Deadline:

Deadline for receipt of completed application and reference letters is **September 15, 2010**

Letter of recommendation:

Letters of recommendation are requested from at least two scientists who are familiar with the academic work of the candidate and who can judge their potential as a PhD student. Applicants must forward the enclosed [questionnaire letter](#) to the referees and ask them to

send their letters of recommendation directly to the IAI PhD Program office at the above address in a closed envelope or by email.

Please note that we will be unable to process your application without letters of recommendation. These letters are therefore an essential part of the application, and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the referees write to us latest by **September 15, 2010**.

Selection procedure and admission:

Complete applications will be reviewed and ranked by a selection committee consisting of the IAI faculty. The short-listed candidates will receive invitations to visit our laboratories at the Medical University of Vienna for a 2-3 day period for interviews and information exchange. These interviews will take place in October 2010. Travel expenses will be reimbursed, and free accommodation will be provided. Offers of admission will be made to the successful candidates at the end of the interview period.

Benefits for students of the IAI PhD program:

Graduate students admitted to the IAI PhD program will have a regular employment with full social security coverage at the Medical University of Vienna and receive funding for at least 3 years according to the salary scheme of the Austrian Science Fund ([FWF](#)). Students will be assigned to a PhD thesis committee composed of the supervisor, one internal and one external advisor. Thesis research will be accompanied by an [educational training program](#) in the field of inflammation and immunity.

Additionally the PhD program will provide support for:

- Travel expenses
- Research stays abroad in collaborating international institutions / universities
- Organization of special scientific workshops
- Language courses
- Special lectures on career awareness and soft skill trainings
- Active involvement in teaching activities

Gender mainstreaming

The IAI faculty aims at increasing the percentage of women in science. Qualified female students are therefore strongly encouraged to apply.

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