

IPP Theory Fellowship programme terms and nomination procedures

The Institute for Particle Physics (IPP) is committed to supporting excellence in theoretical particle physics in Canada. To this end IPP is funding a national Theory Fellowship Program which provides partial support for postdoctoral fellows working in theoretical particle physics (or closely related fields) at Canadian universities or major research institutions. The goal of this program is to attract the highest-quality postdoctoral candidates to Canada. Fellowships may be offered to either new or continuing postdocs.

The responsibility for identifying and nominating potential IPP Theory Fellows who will work at a given university lies with the faculty at that university. Only faculty working in theoretical particle physics or closely related fields at Canadian universities or major research institutions, who are IPP members in good standing, may submit nominations. “Particle Physics” in this context should be interpreted broadly, including both formal and phenomenological areas of current high-energy research.

These fellowships are valued at \$20k (Canadian funds) per year, for two years, with the remainder of the Fellow’s salary being paid by other sources. Since the intent is to attract and/or retain highly qualified candidates, host institutions are encouraged to use these funds to offer a competitive salary that is significantly higher than that for a regular postdoctoral hire.

Nominations:

There is no limit on the number of nominations which may be made by each faculty member or each university; however, any faculty member submitting more than one nomination is required to rank the nominees in order of preference, with reasons given for this ordering. Candidates must not have already received an IPP Theory Fellowship.

Nominations will be examined by an IPP Theory Fellows Committee and ranked on the basis of research excellence, with Fellowships being offered to the successful candidates. In order to ensure this programme benefits the broadest possible segment of the Canadian theoretical particle physics community, preference will be given to applications from institutions not currently holding an IPP Theory Fellowship. If a successful candidate should be nominated by more than one University, it is the candidate who will decide in which University the Fellowship will be held.

We expect to award two Fellowships for the 2012–2013 academic year. The deadline for nominations is **1 December 2011**, and this deadline is rigid in order for results to be announced before 31 December 2011. Awardees would be expected to begin their terms as IPP Theory Fellows in September 2012.

Nomination packages must include:

1. a letter of nomination, including rank order if there is more than one nomination from any one faculty member. Nominations should include the proposed support package for the candidate, including how the IPP funding will be used (in some cases it might make sense to split it between direct salary to the nominee and a professional allowance or travel stipend)
2. the candidate’s CV and statement of research interests
3. the candidate’s 3 letters of reference

Nomination portfolios should be sent to:

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Electronic submissions (preferably in a single PDF file) can also be sent to: kam@physics.utoronto.ca