

FAQ

- 1. How can I apply?**

Applications are only accepted via our online application system www.irtg1273.mh-hannover.de. Applications sent by mail will not be returned.
- 2. If I have already applied for other PhD-programmes at Hannover Medical School will my application be also considered automatically for the IRTG 1273?**

No, for the IRTG 1273 you have to apply separately via our online application system.
- 3. Is there an application fee for applicants?**

No.
- 4. Is this program open to all international students?**

Yes.
- 5. Is there an age limit for applicants?**

No.
- 6. In which language is the IRTG 1273 conducted?**

English is the language for both teaching and communication between students and colleagues.
German language courses are available for international students and are strongly recommended.
- 7. What degree must applicants hold in order to be eligible for this programme?**

Candidates must hold the equivalent of a master's or diploma degree in biology, biochemistry or life sciences or must have graduated in medicine/veterinary medicine. Applicants should hold, or anticipate to receive this degree not later than 6 months after the application deadline. If you have not yet finished your course we need a provisional certificate or statement of marks by your university about your accomplishments so far.
- 8. When will the IRTG 1273 start?**

On September 1, 2012 (however, special agreements can be made with the respective project leader).
- 9. How will my studies be financed?**

The monthly stipend amounts to € 1,365 plus a monthly payment of € 103 for research materials. This is to cover all living costs including compulsory health insurance.
- 10. For how long will I receive the stipend?**

The stipend from the programme itself will be paid for max. three years. However, prolongation can be provided by funds from the supervisors.
- 11. What final degree will I achieve?**

Students with a first degree in a life science can choose either the PhD or Dr. rer. nat. title. Students with a medical or vet. med. background will be awarded the title of PhD.
- 12. How will I be informed about the result of my application?**

Once you have completed our online application you will be notified in case

you are on the shortlist. Please refrain from contacting us in the meantime as this will slow down our work enormously.

13. When will the application workshop take place?

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are planned for 19th/20th June, 2012.

14. If the applicants are invited to attend the application workshop in Hannover who will pay for the costs of the journey?

For invited applicants the IRTG 1273 will pay for the hotel in Hannover for max. two nights. Costs for the transport will have to be paid for by the applicants.

15. What is the interview format?

We ask you to prepare a PowerPoint presentation in English on your Masters or Diploma project. The presentation should not be longer than 8 minutes. One slide at the beginning or end of your presentation should also be used to summarize your education and relevant experience. You should also address the point why this joint programme with the Karolinska Institute is of interest to you (You may remember from the announcement that a stay in a Karolinska Institute lab of 6-12 months is planned - and mandatory - for all graduate students participating in the programme). Subsequently, the interview panel will ask questions about the subject of your presentation as well as questions regarding your qualifications and motivation to participate in the programme. The interview will last approximately 20 minutes. A beamer and notebook PC will be at your disposal for the interview. Please send us a copy of your presentation prior to the interview.

During various breaks during the day you will have the opportunity to make personal contact with the supervisors. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that candidates arrange an appointment with the supervisor of the project(s) in which they are interested. This can be before or after your interview. This is an invaluable opportunity to find out more about the project, meet the team involved and visit the corresponding laboratories.

16. How will I be accommodated during my studies?

It is possible to apply for a room in one of the student's residences in Hannover. The office is able to assist you in finding something suitable. Hannover is a city with a good transport network, allowing students easy access from most of the city to Hannover Medical School.