NCP Research Project Registration

IMPORTANT PROJECT GUIDELINES: Each research project, to be undertaken over a 8+1 week period during the semester break, should consist of supervised experimental and/or computational work on a current research issue, documented by a project report in the format of a scientific publication. Students should work full-time on their project during the first eight weeks (5 days a week / 8h per day). The final week should be reserved for the supervised preparation of the written report. During the time of the project, the students should have access to their supervisors and associated research facilities. Supervisors are supposed to give continuous feedback to the students, also including the final project report. The student should learn how to conduct independent research, which includes the planning of an experimental study, data collection, statistical analyses and a summary of the findings in the format of a scientific publication.

The research project will conclude with a written evaluation of students' performance (an evaluation form will be made available for this purpose and should be returned to the NCP office no later than one week after the start of the lecture period). Please note that students usually also present the results of their projects in the form of a poster or talk on a student's conference held by NCP. On these conferences, external guests may be present. Students will receive 12 ECTS credit points for their project work/scientific report. Exceptionally, up to two students can participate in the same project (the work load should be designed accordingly). Supervisors may wish to retain their project students for a Master Thesis project. However, even if the collaboration continues beyond the research project, supervisors should ensure that students can complete their project work (including the report) within the nine-week period allotted, leaving students free to concentrate on the courses during the next semester.

Project Title	
Hosting Lab Address	

Student's Name:	
Email:	

1st Supervisor's Name:	
Title:	
Email:	
Contact Details:	

2nd Supervisor's Name:	
Title:	
Email:	
Contact Details:	

Is this project conducted at a lab from the NCP teaching network?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Please provide a short summary and a description of the tasks that are planned for your research project. <u>Important</u>: If you answered "No", then you would also need to explain the specific reasons for conducting the project externally (e.g. because of the specific experimental methods and/or approaches used in the hosting lab, or on the basis of an already-existing collaboration with a member of the NCP teaching network) *and* get the formal approval for the external project from the NCP examination board.

Project start date: _____   Project end date: _____

This period contains _____ week(s) of break

By signing this form, both the student and the project supervisor(s) agree with the above-mentioned project quality guidelines. The signed form should be returned to the NCP office prior to the start of the research project (see contact details below).

_____   _____
Date/Signature Student   Date/Signature Supervisor(s)

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