Institute of Science and Technology Austria

Graduate School

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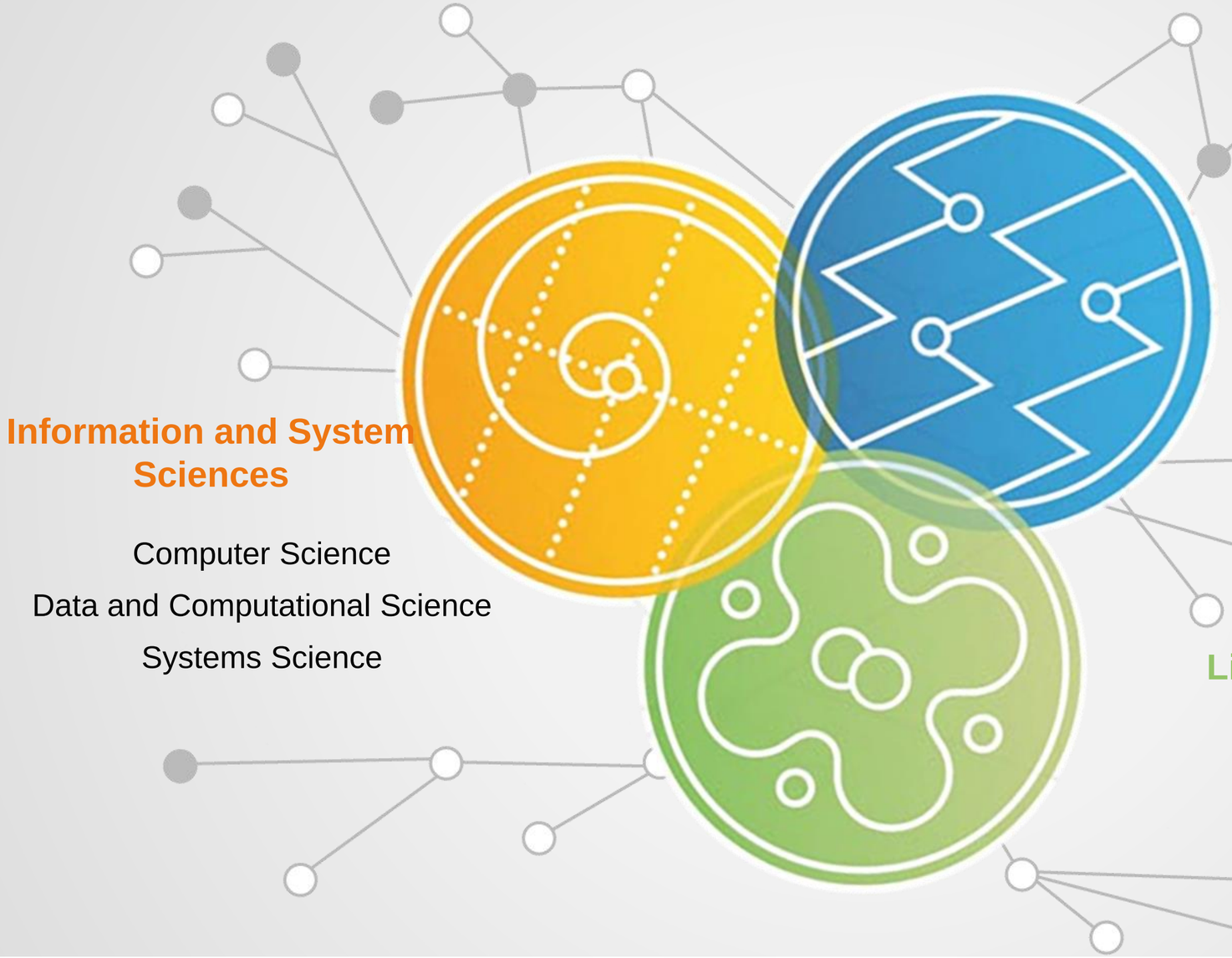
At a Glance

- International cross-disciplinary institute dedicated to basic research and graduate education
- Located on the outskirts of Vienna, Austria
- Interdisciplinary research environment with English as the working language
- Scientific excellence:
  - ranked #3 in the world-wide Nature Index ranking (normalized) in 2019
  - ranked within the top ten of Nature Index Rising Stars “Top 30 academic institutions under 30” list in 2018

Research Portfolio



Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Mathematics

Physics

Astrophysics

Chemistry

Information and System Sciences

Computer Science

Data and Computational Science

Systems Science

Life Sciences

Biology

Neuroscience

Biochemistry

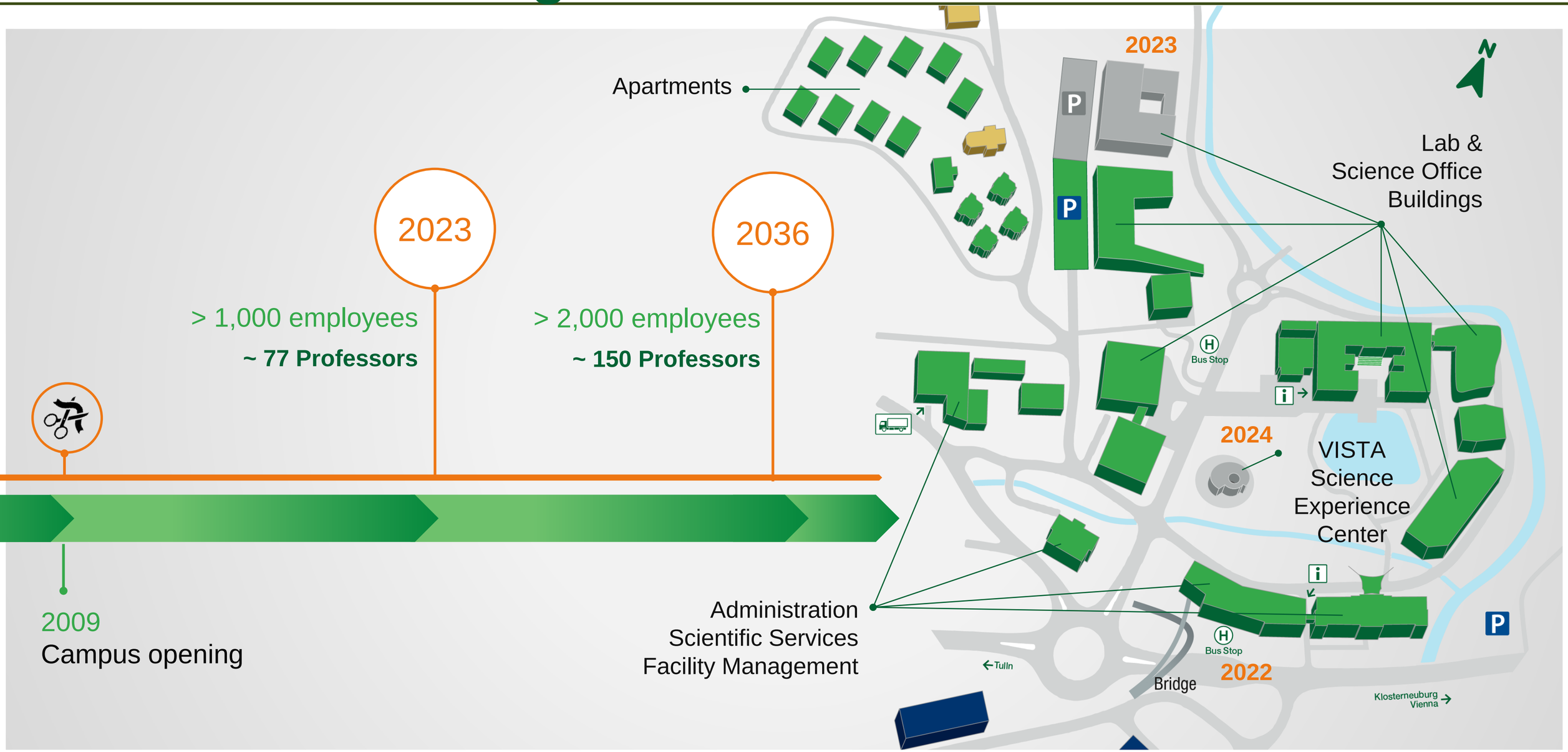
Earth Science

Building a New Institution

2009
Campus opening

2023
> 1,000 employees
~ 77 Professors

2036
> 2,000 employees
~ 150 Professors



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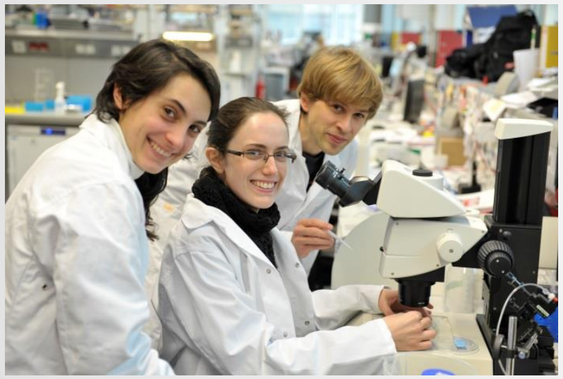
Training Opportunities

PhD program



Internships

Courses

PhD Program

- **One interdisciplinary** PhD program
- **Flexibility** and **independence** to design your own research trajectory
- **Bachelor's** and **Master's** students eligible to apply

- **PhD students are employed by ISTA:** competitive salaries and full social security coverage
- **5-year employment contracts,** full funding until thesis defense
- **Admission process** for **September 2024**
  - **Applications open** in October 2023 ➡ **close** on January 8, 2024 ➡ **interviews** in February/March 2024 ➡ **offers** in March 2024 ➡ **start** in September 2024

Research Internships

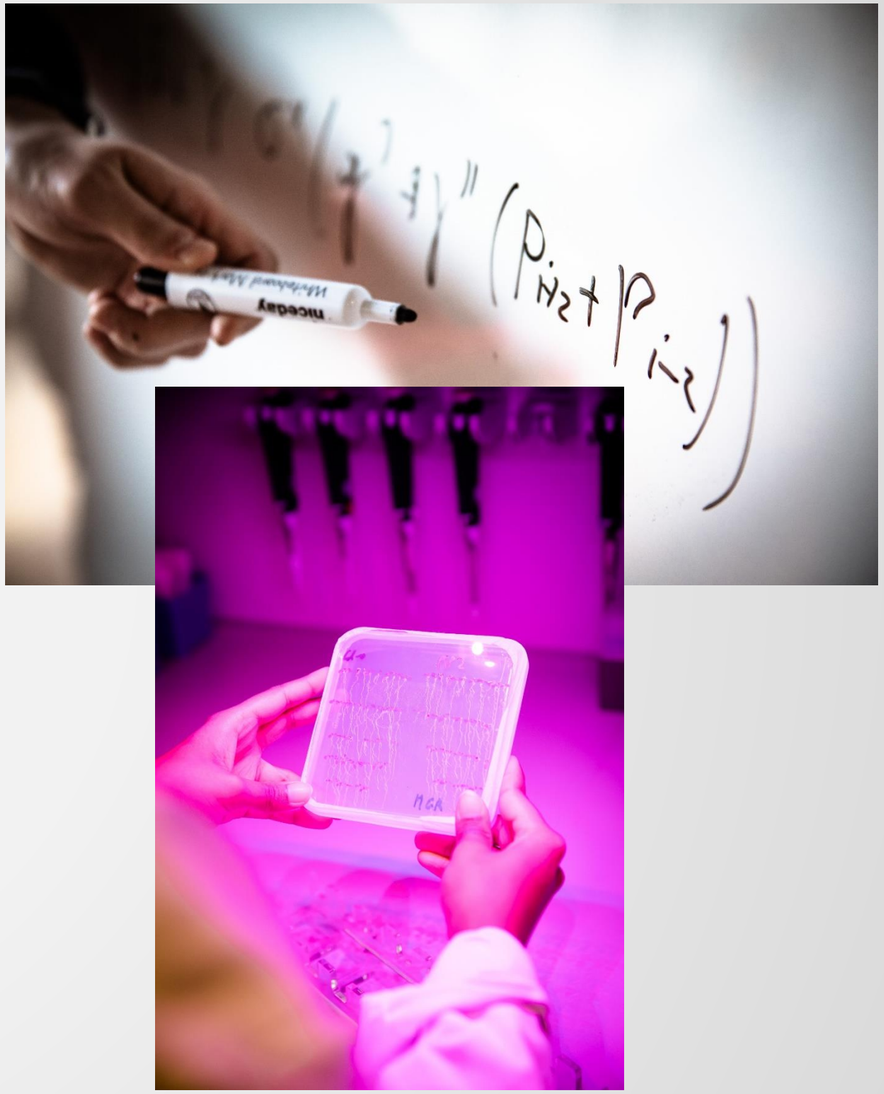
- **ISTernship summer program**
  - **Applications for summer 2024** ⟶ open in mid-December 2023 ⟶ close on **February 15, 2024**
  - Monthly **compensation**
- **Scientific internships**
  - **Application process** ⟶ email the relevant research group leader directly. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis
  - **Employment contracts** of up to 1 year

	ISTernship summer program*	Year-round scientific internships
How to apply	via our yearly open call	directly to individual professor
When they take place	summer (May-Sep)	anytime throughout the year
Duration	2-3 months	up to one year

Courses

- Introductory and advanced courses in
  - *Biology*
  - *Neuroscience*
  - *Physics*
  - *Chemistry and Materials*
  - *Mathematics*
  - *Computer Science*
  - *Data Science and Scientific Computing*

- Earn ECTS credits (3-6 ECTS per course)
- Register online for free (latest 2 weeks before course start)
  https://phd.ista.ac.at/courses/ (subject to class size limits)



Campus Life

- Free-shuttle bus to/from Vienna
- On-campus housing available
- Indoor and outdoor sport facilities
- Variety of social groups and activities
- Dining options available

Scientific Events

- Weekly Institute Colloquium
- Think & Drink Seminar
- Annual Young Scientist Symposium

Specialized Administrative Support

International Officer
Housing, visas, authorities

Diversity, Inclusion, and Good Practice Officer

Dual Career Officer
Networks/ support for spouses

Career Development Office
Workshops, events, advice

Family Officer
Childcare

Where to Meet Us

- Recruitment events in Austria and abroad
  https://phd.ista.ac.at/recruitment-events/

- Virtual Student Open Day, **16 November 2023**

Contact Us

- Application and admissions inquiries
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