The Excellence Track is a certificate program designed as an extension of the Master's degree in Physics at JGU.

It is aimed at **high-achieving, research-oriented students** and enables them to further develop their scientific knowledge as well as complementary and transferable skills.

Students who successfully complete the Excellence Track together with their Master's degree at JGU will be considered **strong candidates for a doctorate.**

### Why apply for the Excellence Track?
- Become a strong contender for a PhD position.
- Participate in MPA Retreats, Summer Schools as well as in physics and softskill Workshops.
- Take part in early career-stage **networking** with PRISMA+ PhD and Postdoc researchers.
- Join social activities and events.
- Boost your chances to get accepted into **prestigious internship programs** (CERN, DESY...).
- Get financial support for some external conferences.
- In exceptional cases **scholarships** can be granted.

### Application
Applications open twice a year. More information can be found online:
- [https://physics.uni-mainz.de/excellence-track](https://physics.uni-mainz.de/excellence-track)
- [https://www.prisma.uni-mainz.de/mainz-physics-academy/excellence-track-program/](https://www.prisma.uni-mainz.de/mainz-physics-academy/excellence-track-program/)

### Application documents
- Cover letter including a short motivation statement
- Detailed curriculum vitae
- Copy of the Bachelor's degree certificate with a Transcript of Records in German or English
- Copy of the proof of admission to the Master’s program at JGU
- One signed letter of recommendation by a senior scientist, with institutional letterhead, to be sent separately
- If applying for a scholarship (only exceptional cases), please state your reasons for applying for financial support.

All documents may be submitted in English or German. Documents in any other language must be translated and legally certified.

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