

Postdoctoral Programme in Development of the Physics Program for the Spin Physics Detector Project

12-month contract, renewable for another max. 24 months

Your mission

The main objective of this position is to prepare an experiment to study the spin structure of the proton and deuteron in proton-proton and deuteron-deuteron collisions in the SPD detector of the NICA collider at JINR within the international SPD collaboration. The main goal of the SPD experiment is to provide access to the gluon TMD PDFs in the proton and deuteron, as well as the gluon transversity distribution and tensor PDFs in the deuteron, via the measurement of specific single and double spin asymmetries using different complementary probes.

Your tasks

The work includes the following tasks:

- Monte Carlo simulation of the main signal processes like production of charmonia, open charm, prompt photons, etc.
- Development and optimization of the event reconstruction algorithms.
- Optimization of the SPD experimental setup.

Constraints and risks

Depending on your citizenship, you may need to obtain a visa and this process can last several months. JINR offers all the necessary support for obtaining the entry permit for the Russian Federation.

Your profile

- Highly motivated candidate with a PhD (obtained less than 5 years ago) in experimental particle physics.
- Age under 40, have not had more than 3 temporary positions.
- Strong background in experimental particle physics and nucleon structure.
- Experience of working in international collaborations.

- Practical experience in data analysis and Monte Carlo simulation in modern high-energy physics experiments.
- As an international intergovernmental research organization, we are particularly keen to ensure that we also attract applicants from outside Russia. You must have a good knowledge of English and be willing to learn Russian (a language course will be paid for by JINR).

What we offer

High quality of life

Called the "Island of Stability", the city of Dubna is ideally located on the bank of Europe's largest waterway — the Volga River (only 2.5 hours from Moscow by train or bus and 1.5 hours by car from Sheremetyevo International Airport). It is important for us that our employees quickly and easily adapt to the new living conditions and have a healthy work-life balance. Therefore, we offer accommodation in comfortable guest-house rooms (for singles), or fully furnished flats owned by JINR, and annual paid leave.

Prospects

We guarantee you a **12-months postdoctoral contract, renewable for another max. 24 months (36 month in total)**, in a multicultural scientific environment.

Remuneration

2300 USD per month (paid in Russian rubles at the planned exchange rate (forecasted year-average, adopted in the JINR budget for the current year, which is fixed on the date of conclusion of the contract and valid throughout its entire term). In 2025, the exchange rate is 96.5 Russian rubles per 1 USD).*

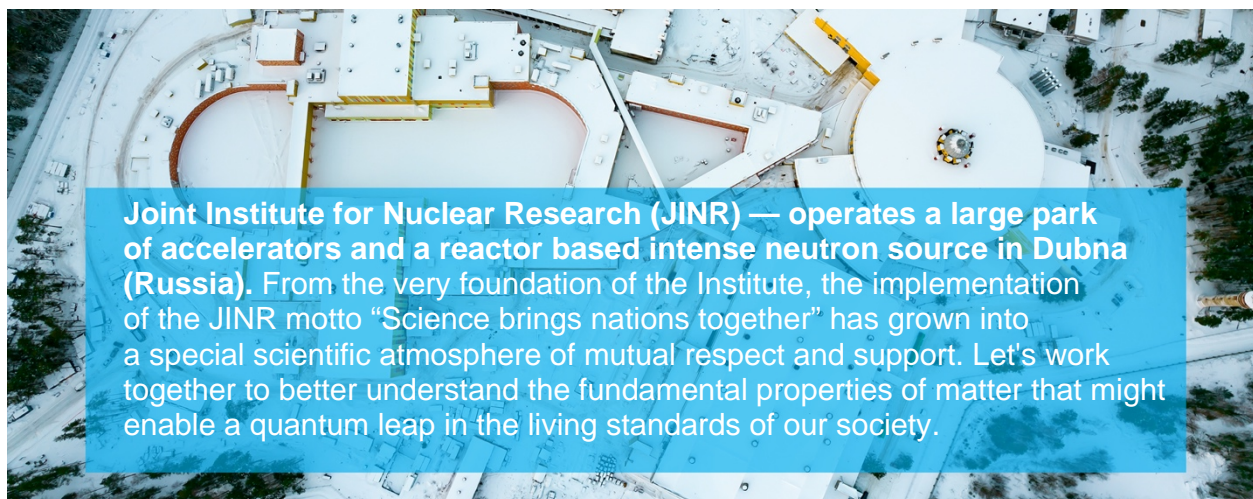
Income tax of 13% is applied. The employer shall pay no pension insurance.

*The average per capita income in the Moscow region is 110 thousand rubles. The minimum cost of living in the Moscow region is 21 thousand rubles per month for the working population and 18 thousand rubles per month for children.

Benefits

We offer considerable social benefits: annual paid leave of 42 calendar days with an additional one-time payment of 50 % of your monthly salary after one year of work, air fare (except for family members) at the beginning and the end of the employment period in case the terms of the contract are fulfilled, accommodation (50 %, without cost of utilities and furniture rental), free local health insurance for you and your family members, relocation assistance (reimbursement of the cost of excess baggage and transfer from/to airport at the beginning and end of the contract for all family members). We also offer free Russian courses and subsidies for the use of JINR sports infrastructure (Olympic swimming pool, stadium, gym, etc.), as well as access to a variety of cultural activities.

Apply now



Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) — operates a large park of accelerators and a reactor based intense neutron source in Dubna (Russia). From the very foundation of the Institute, the implementation of the JINR motto “Science brings nations together” has grown into a special scientific atmosphere of mutual respect and support. Let's work together to better understand the fundamental properties of matter that might enable a quantum leap in the living standards of our society.

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