



The Abdus Salam
**International Centre
for Theoretical Physics**



Joint ICTP MARVEL College: Materials Simulations in the Age of AI

DESCRIPTION:

This is a two-week intensive college on electronic-structure and atomistic simulations to understand, predict, and design the properties of materials. Foundational topics cover first-principles methods, molecular dynamics and machine-learning approaches, with lectures and hands-on sessions.

TOPICS:

- Density-functional theory (DFT) and beyond
- Linear response and lattice dynamics (DFPT, phonons)
- Electronic, vibrational and core-level spectroscopies
- Many-body perturbation theory (GW, BSE)
- Topology and polarization (Berry phases, Wannier functions)
- Advanced functionals (Hubbard, Koopmans)
- Introduction to statistical sampling by molecular dynamics
- Sampling of different ensembles (thermostats, barostats, replica exchange)
- Rare events and enhanced sampling (metadynamics, accelerated MD)
- Machine learning for materials (descriptors, potentials, training and validation)
- Advanced ML for sampling (fine tuning, direct force prediction, force-free integration)

MORE INFORMATION:

The Joint ICTP–MARVEL college brings together graduate students and early-career researchers to learn the state-of-the-art for computational materials science in the age of AI.

Week 1 focuses on electronic-structure theory and spectroscopies (density-functional theory and density-functional perturbation theory, many-body perturbation theory, topology and Wannier functions, advanced functionals).

Week 2 covers statistical mechanics and atomistic simulation, including enhanced sampling and machine-learning interatomic potentials. Hands-on labs deploy open source community codes, with poster sessions and open-mic discussions.

Poster sessions will take place in both week 1 and week 2.
Applicants are welcome to submit an abstract.

SPEAKERS:

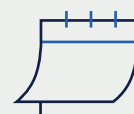
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1-12 June 2026



Trieste, Italy



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for applicants needing visa support

27 March 2026
for all other applicants

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Female scientists are encouraged to apply.



GRANTS:

A significant number of grants (travel and lodging, or only lodging) are available to support participants.
There is no registration fee.

