

**National PhD
program**

**Students'
survey
outcome**

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**Kick-off event of the
TFPA PhD course**

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Motivations

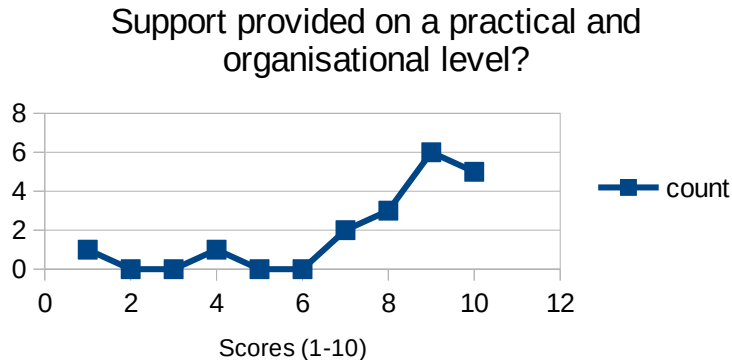
- **most popular:**
 - **the attractiveness of the research topics** [12]
- **others:**
 - **the local research environment** [6]
 - supervisor, work with a company, excellence, do research abroad

Organizational aspects (I)

- **Was the information in the admission notice and the attached appendix clear and complete?**

- Yes: **all**

- **How do you rate the support provided on a practical and organizational level?**



- **Did you encounter any difficulties in submitting your application?**

- No: **all**

- **Once you were enrolled as a doctoral student, did you encounter any difficulties from a bureaucratic point of view?**

Difficulties after enrollment

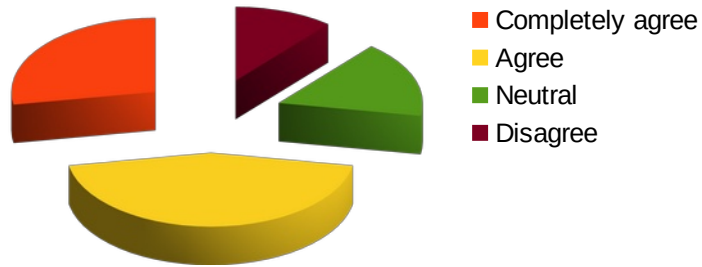


Issues encountered after enrollment

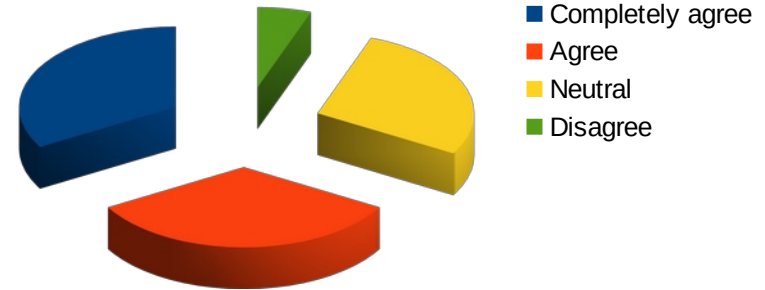
- **most popular** [6]:
 - **procedure to obtain VISAs, but especially the "Permission to stay" in Italy took a lot of time**
 - **others** [1 each]:
 - **hard to find the an accommodation**
 - **language barrier**
 - **understanding the correct procedures (missions, reports...) and dealing with a delay in the disbursement of funds.**
- Overall, being a new program, it seems that nobody is certain of what should be done, and everything takes more time**

Other aspects

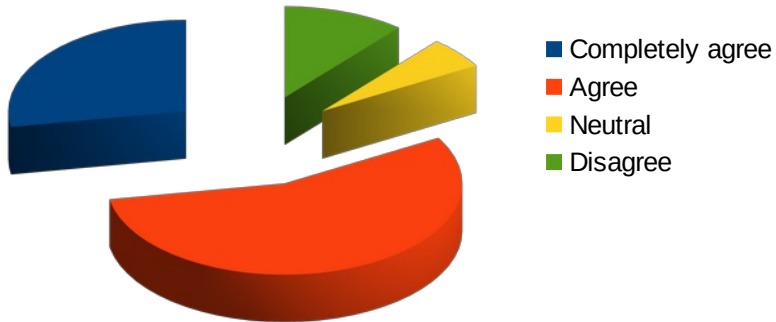
The PhD program regulations have been formulated in a comprehensive and comprehensible manner



The proposed courses are adequate for the skills I need to develop for my research project



The content and modalities of the courses were clearly defined



I had no difficulty getting in touch with the lecturers holding the courses



What aspects of this PhD program do you find most positive?

- **most popular:**
 - **the research topics** [8]
- **others:**
 - **the national scale of the program** [5]
 - possibility to attend courses from different Universities, taking advantages of different skills and expertise
 - **the organization and the support provided** [4]
 - both centrally and by the hosting Universities
 - **everything** [1]

How would you improve the program ?

- **most popular suggestions:**

- **earlier opportunities to meet the other students and other colleagues** [4]

- kick-off meeting organized earlier
- in person intensive short courses from the beginning

- **improve/extend the courses** [3]

- lectures on neutrino physics, on topics related to physics and astrophysics
- courses more suited for students

- **better support** [3]

- detailed information for all doctoral scholarships, more support in defining the research project, more complete guidance for the students

Other comments

- It would be useful for doctoral students who have INAF as their host institution **to have a relationship with the local university as well**, in order not to be excluded from doctoral student accommodation and doctoral student agreements

**Thank you for providing your
valuable feedback !**