

# Getting an academic job (online).

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# **How to apply for a postdoctoral job: The websites you need to know**

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**AcademicJobsOnline.org**

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## Job Listings

[ Physics, my own, all ]

Find by ID# or keywords  ☐ all?

--- [sort alphabetically] [by postdate] [by enddate] [by deadline] [by startdate] [by distance] [by types] [by status] [by country/state] [show map] ---

All, +(4), Accelerator and Beam Physics(5), AdS/CFT(5), AMO (Atomic, Molecular, and Optical)(4), artificial gauge fields(1), Astroparticle Physics(8), Astroparticle Physics(15), astrophysics(8), Astrophysics(4), Astrophysics(1) ...more...

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z All Applied

**APCTP, Office of Research Support**

1. [JRGLEADER1] Junior Research Group Leader (2020/02/29)

**Carleton University, Physics Department**

1. [PD] Postdoc in high-energy theory/phenomenology (deadline 2019/12/01) Applied

2. [THPROF] Assistant Professor in Theoretical Physics (deadline 2019/12/15) Apply

**Case Western Reserve University, Department of Physics**

1. [POSTDOC] Postdoctoral Position - Theoretical Particle Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology Group (deadline 2019/12/07) Applied

**Fermilab, David N. Schramm Postdoctoral Fellowship (Experimental Physics)**

1. [SCHRAMMPOSTDOC] David N. Schramm Postdoctoral Fellowship (deadline 2019/11/01) Applied

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asia pacific center for theoretical physics

- ▶ US, Asia/Oceania and most\* Europe jobs.
- ▶ Referees upload letters ONCE. AJO will send letters to employer.
- ▶ Can upload DEFAULT CV/research statement/cover letter.

The screenshot shows the Inspire Jobs website interface. At the top, the 'iNSPIRE HEP' logo is on the left, and a search bar contains 'jobs' and 'dark matter' with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, it says '73 results'. On the right, there is a link to 'Subscribe to mailing list' and a dropdown menu for 'Earliest Deadline'. A 'Filter' button is also present. The first job listing is 'Funded PhD studentships in cosmology' from Newcastle U., United Kingdom, Sch. Math. Stat. • Europe. It has tags for 'astro-ph', 'gr-qc', 'physics', and 'PhD'. It states 'Deadline on Feb 7, 2020' and 'Posted 2 months ago'. The second listing is 'Cosmology' from the same institution, with similar tags and deadline. The third listing is 'Faculty Position in Theoretical Particle Physics' from Perimeter Inst. Theor. Phys. • North America, with tags for 'hep-ph', 'hep-th', 'astro-ph', and 'Junior (leads to Senior)'. A vertical 'Feedback' button is on the right side of the job listings.

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Filter

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astro-ph gr-qc physics PhD

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hep-ph hep-th astro-ph Junior (leads to Senior)

Feedback

- ▶ Most jobs posted here. However this round AJO did really well...
- ▶ Need to email reference letters individually <— Sucks!

## **The cover letter, research statement and CV**

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## Ideas to talk about

- ▶ Length of each
- ▶ their names not sir/madam
- ▶ research statement most important!?
- ▶ Can get interview based off statement.
- ★ Content: what to put in, what to leave out
- ★ Nailing the research ideas
- ★ How to optimize the tailoring process

## **The “main round”: Structure and important dates**

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## Ideas to talk about

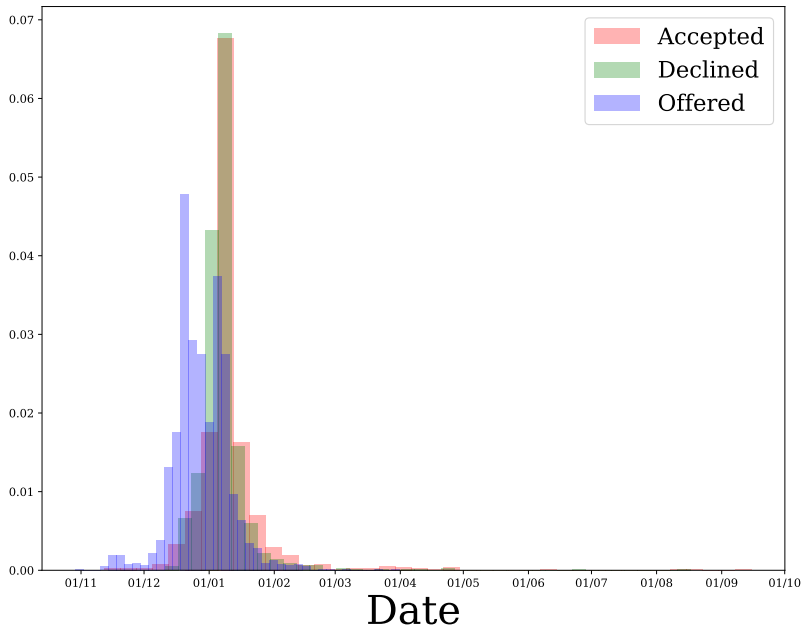
- ▶ Define main round (for hep only really?)
- ▶ Andre: Experience off main round with slovenia
- ▶ Jan 7th!!!!
- ▶ best people get poached first. This year CERN got 5 people in November
- ★ Pre-main round

## Rumour mill

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- ▶ overview of what it is
- ▶ (maybe?) scrape rumor mill stats for job offers
- ▶ rumour mill psychology
- ▶ shit people get the offers - who they know
- ★ Try and not look at it at all if you can

# Rumor Mill Stats



# The interview

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## Ideas to talk about

- ▶ NOT like industry
- ▶ Very very chilled.
- ▶ IF they talk about anything, it will only be about research statement.
- ▶ know what job you are applying for lol
- ★ Take notes from each meeting to improve
- ★ Take notes TO the meeting
- ★ When they ask "do you have any questions for us?" ALWAYS have a few questions ready to go: give some ideas