

**Post Title:** Associate Coordination Officer (MHPC, 50%)  
**Domain:** Research and Partnerships Division  
**Post Number:** 1ITSCPA128TP  
**Grade:** P-1  
**Organizational Unit:** ICTP  
**Primary Location:** Trieste, Italy  
**Recruitment open to:** Internal and external candidates  
**Type of contract:** Project Appointment – 12 months  
**Deadline (*midnight Trieste time*):** **05 -AUG-2026**

**UNESCO Core Values: Commitment to the Organization, Integrity, Respect for Diversity, Professionalism**

Note: This is a half-time (50%) position. Specific working conditions can be negotiable

## OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

Founded in 1964 by the late Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam and located in Trieste (Italy), the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) seeks to accomplish its mandate by providing scientists from developing countries with the continuing education and skills that they need to enjoy long and productive careers.

Under the supervision of the Senior Coordinator (Research and Partnerships), the incumbent will provide technical expertise in HPC and scientific computing to contribute to ICTP's training programmes for young researchers, including the Master in High-Performance Computing (MHPC). The position falls within the framework of the International Consortium for Scientific Computing (ICOMP), an initiative launched by ICTP as part of its 2025–2029 strategic plan to support computational sciences at the global level.

Essential responsibilities include:

- **Contribute to the Master in HPC.** Contribute to the Master in HPC by providing advanced technical expertise, coordinating and continuously updating the MHPC curricula, organizing course delivery, and teaching specialized topics (for example Advanced C++) within the programme in line with current developments in high-performance computing. Support the strategic development of the MHPC by formulating recommendations, ensuring coherence with institutional priorities and emerging scientific and technological trends.
- **Contribute to ICTP Programmes.** Contribute to ICTP programmes by supporting initiatives in HPC and closely related fields, both at ICTP and through collaborative efforts.
- **Provide support to ICTP staff.** Provide technical support to ICTP staff in the field of HPC and scientific computing.
- **Provide support to ICTP students and visitors.** Provide comprehensive academic, technical, and logistical support to ICTP students and visiting researchers, fostering an inclusive, collaborative, and intellectually stimulating environment conducive to learning and research.
- **Mentoring students.** Assist in mentoring, advising, and guiding students and programme participants in HPC-related topics, supporting their academic progress, research development, and professional growth.

## COMPETENCIES

A successful candidate will be required to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Building Partnership.
- Teamwork.
- Client orientation.
- Communication.
- Creativity and Innovation.
- Technological Awareness.
- Result Based Management and Result Based Budgeting.

- Promoting Organizational Change and Development.
- UNESCO's Mission, Strategy, Leadership (managerial competency).
- Managing Performance (managerial competency).
- Empowering Others (managerial competency).

For detailed information please consult the [UNESCO Competency Framework](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/competency_framework_e.pdf)  
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## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- Advanced University degree (PhD or equivalent) in Physics, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, or related disciplines

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- At least one year of relevant professional experience in HPC and advanced parallel programming, preferably in an international environment, and familiarity with large-scale computational infrastructures.

### SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Documented record of excellence in teaching and supporting the organization of advanced training programmes
- Strong analytical and organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary and multicultural environment, including experience in mentoring students
- Excellent communication skills

### LANGUAGES

- Excellent knowledge of oral and written English.

## DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

### LANGUAGES

- Knowledge of Italian
- Knowledge of another official UNESCO language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish)

## BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS

UNESCO's salaries consist of a basic salary and other benefits which may include if applicable: 30 days annual leave, family allowance, medical insurance, pension plan etc.

For more information in benefits and entitlements, please consult [ICSC website](#) and [UNESCO's career website](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

Please note that all candidates must complete an on-line application and provide complete and accurate information. No modifications can be made to the application submitted.

The evaluation of candidates is based on the criteria in the vacancy notice, and may include tests and/or assessments, as well as a competency-based interview.

Candidates must use the UNESCO's online application system which is accessible through the following links:

For current UNESCO fixed-term staff members: UNESCO Intranet > Tools > HR Apps > [Careers](#). If you are working remotely, you should connect to Careers portal through [connect.unesco.org](https://connect.unesco.org)

For all other candidates: <https://careers.unesco.org>

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