

## Opinions of students on Ph. D. programmes and on the “Galileo Galilei” School

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As regards the Computer Science Programme:

- Need of courses on basics of advanced topics
  - Courses of this kind are organized at the School for PhD students held at Bertinoro
  - They are not enough

Courses offered by the PhD programme are too much specialized.

- In general (not a fault of the PhD programme) the offerings for the PhD's are essentially only academia or public research institutions. More effort should be devoted to establish relationships with the industrial world to provide stages, opportunities to create spin-off, etc.
- Encourage PhD students to spend periods abroad (e.g., support from the logistical point of view).

As regards the “Galileo Galilei School”:

- Consider some Galileo Galilei **fellowships** for students interested in **interdisciplinary fields** (e.g. quantum computing, bioinformatics, etc.)  
Stimulate (also informal) **meetings among students of different programmes** of the School
- Consider forms of **admission exam** to allow candidates with a MS degree in one of the fields of interest of the School to be admitted to a PhD programme in a different field (e.g. a candidate with a MS in Mathematics to the PhD in Computer Science)
- Help for **lodging** (a students’ house of the School)
- Help to **cope with bureaucracy** (needed in particular by foreign students)