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Finishing year PhD: 2006

MolTag PI since: 2015

Institution: IST Austria

Main research area within

MolTag: Epilepsy and Cognitive Disorders

Number of supervised MolTag students: 2 finished, 2 ongoing

Number of co-supervised MolTag students: 2 finished

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How do you experience the development of the students during their time in MolTag?

I feel that **students usually flourish in the cross- and interdisciplinary research community that MolTag offers**. The program allows them to reach their full potential by constantly asking them to move out of their comfort zone and explore new fields and working methods. By doing this, they not only grow on a personal and professional level, but **also might discover a career path that they would have not considered before enrolling the program**.

What distinguishes students who are members of an interdisciplinary DK like MolTag from other doctoral students?

MolTag students seem to be more open minded and curious for other disciplines. **They show good professional and soft skills to be strong, productive and responsible independent researcher** who is able to make a significant contribution to the research community.

Did you keep in touch with your former MolTag students?

To today most students are still working with me at my Institute but I am certainly looking forward to keep in contact and support Alumni students when making important career decisions. **A good network within the research community is nowadays just as important as excellent research work**.

What is the most important advice you want to give to current MolTag students?

Passion and dedication are keys to reach your goals in every area of life, including in science. **Use this program as an opportunity to break boundaries and explore new fields** while working along experts to find your own personal niche for your future. Last but not least, built a good network and use it.

