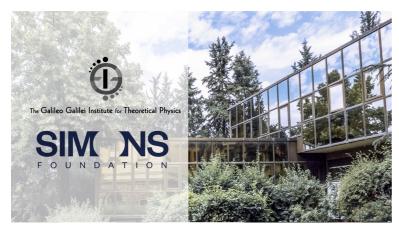
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GGI WINS NEW FUNDING FROM THE SIMONS FOUNDATION



The Galileo Galilei Institute, the INFN National Center for Advanced Studies dedicated to theoretical physics, won a *Targeted Grant to Institutes* from the Simons Foundation, with a total value of approximately 500,000 dollars. It is the second time that GGI wins the Simons funding call. The selected scientific proposal concerns various activities to be carried out at GGI over the next three years. In particular, the *Simons Visiting Program at GGI* covers three

different types of collaboration with the Centre's activities: long-term visits by scientists, the participation of eminent scientists in workshops organized at GGI, initiatives to increase the participation of young researchers, and doctoral students from institutions with limited funding. Furthermore, a partnership is established for the development of the Pollica Physics Center, a recently established institute in Southern Italy, more precisely in Cilento, which organizes theoretical and mathematical physics workshops. The contribution from the Simons Foundation will complement institutional funding, supporting specific actions for the scientific mission of the GGI.

"We are extremely pleased by the positive feedback that our proposal has received from the Simons Foundation, also because it is the second success that the GGI has obtained in these selections, and this makes us very proud, it is a recognition of the importance of the GGI and of the work we are doing", remarks Stefania De Curtis, director of the Galileo Galilei Institute. "The Simons Visiting Program that we will thus be able to implement at the GGI – continues De Curtis – will expand and strengthen the role of our Institute as an international point of reference for advanced training and research, contributing to strengthening contacts within the international scientific community, and encouraging interaction and synergy between different expertises. Furthermore, we will be able to introduce initiatives to promote the inclusiveness and development of the Pollica Physics Center and, more generally, to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge between Italy and the rest of the world. We therefore thank the Simons Foundation for the recognition and for the wonderful opportunity it offers to the Galileo Galilei Institute".