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**Re. : Research Master in Fluid Dynamics (former “VKI Diploma Course”) 2015-2016**

Thank you for your interest in the VKI Research Master in Fluid Dynamics.

In the following pages, you will find your official application package consisting of :

- Your Application Form (pages 1-5)
- A list of Active Research Topics for you to choose from (pages 6-8)
- Three blank Appraisal Forms.

Pages 1 - 8 should be completed, signed and a high quality scan e-mailed to the von Karman Institute, Att: Secretariat – [secretariat@vki.ac.be](mailto:secretariat@vki.ac.be) at your earliest convenience.

The Appraisal Forms should be completed, signed and e-mailed by your respective Appraisers as soon as possible. Recommendations from three of your current professors are required for your file to be complete.

**Fellowships:**

VKI fellowships will be offered to qualified candidates from the countries participating in the funding of VKI (\*) and new NATO member countries (\*\*), and no tuition fee applies. Priority will be given to candidates requesting fellowships who submit their applications before **1 April 2015**.

For candidates from other countries, please refer to section V of this document (FINANCIAL INFORMATION).

Yours sincerely,

Jean MUYLAERT  
Director

(\*) VKI funding countries : Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Portugal, Romania and Turkey.

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## VON KARMAN INSTITUTE FOR FLUID DYNAMICS

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
VKI RESEARCH MASTER IN FLUID DYNAMICS  
(former "VKI Diploma Course")**

2015-2016

Attach  
Photograph  
Here

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT****I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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|---|---|-------|
| 1. Last name  | : | _____ |
| 2. First name   | : | _____ |
| 3. Home address   | : | _____ |
|   |   | _____ |
| Home telephone number   | : | _____ |
| 4. Office address   | : | _____ |
|   |   | _____ |
| Office telephone (and fax) numbers  | : | _____ |
| Office e-mail address   | : | _____ |
| Personal e-mail address   | : | _____ |
| 5. Place and date of birth  | : | _____ |
| 6. Marital status   | : | _____ |
| 7. Number and ages of children  | : | _____ |
| 8. Will your family accompany you ?   | : | _____ |
| 9. Do you need any special accommodation<br>or assistance related to your state of<br>health ? (optional) | : | _____ |
| 10. Nationality a) at birth   | : | _____ |
| b) now  | : | _____ |
| 11. Dates of military service   | : | _____ |
| 12. Do you have outstanding military<br>obligations ?   | : | _____ |

## II. EDUCATION

Universities and higher  
education institutions

Dates  
attended  
from : to :

Degrees or diplomas  
(Ing.Civ., Dipl.Ing.,  
B.S., M.S., etc.)

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Give an indication of performance in the above institutions by grade average (with an explanation of the marking system), and by listing honours and scholarships held.

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Attach official grade transcripts. If not yet available, attach another sheet giving details of engineering courses followed, with particular attention to the standard reached in theoretical fluid mechanics, electronics, mathematics, experimental aerodynamics, and FORTRAN, C or C++ programming.

## III. EXPERIENCE

Firm or institution (including  
the VKI) and address

Dates

Responsibilities, specific  
work carried out

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Attach an additional page if you wish to provide further details.

## IV. LANGUAGES

Indicate below the level of your capability in :

|           | Reading | Writing | Conversation | Understanding |
|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| English : | _____   | _____   | _____        | _____         |
| French :  | _____   | _____   | _____        | _____         |

Applicants coming from universities where tuition is not in English may be asked to take a TOEFL test.

## V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Tuition fees

There is no tuition fee for citizens of Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, or Turkey. By special agreement, there is also no tuition for students from University of Valencia (UPV)\*.

A tuition fee of 10.000 euro is applicable to citizens of Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain(except UPV), the U.K. and the U.S.A.

A tuition fee of 30.000 euro is applicable to nationals of all other countries and approval by the Board of VKI is required.

### Fellowships to cover cost of living

The VKI will consider the award of a fellowship to a qualified candidate who has no other means of financial support and who demonstrates that efforts to obtain external financial support have failed. The amount of the VKI fellowship is sufficient to cover basic living costs.

Please initiate contacts with potential fellowship sources in your country as soon as possible and indicate below the potential sources of funding which you will explore.

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Please note that **no VKI fellowship** is available for citizens of Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, Poland , Spain (except UPV), the United Kingdom and U.S.A.

Do you wish to be considered for a VKI fellowship ? \_\_\_\_\_

Applications requiring financial assistance will be given priority if received before 1 April.

## VI. REFERENCES

Ask three qualified persons to fill in the attached recommendation forms and indicate below their name, position, complete address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

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2. ....  
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3. ....  
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(\*) Please contact the VKI Secretariat ([secretariat@vki.ac.be](mailto:secretariat@vki.ac.be)) for details

VII. CURRENT INTERESTS AND FUTURE PLANS

Describe briefly the topic of your thesis or final-year project or recent research. Attach an additional page if you wish to provide further details.

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Describe briefly your career plans after completing your studies at the VKI. What do you expect to learn at the VKI which will help you to fulfil these plans ?

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VIII. PROGRAM OF STUDY AT THE VKI

Please consult the website of the VKI (<http://www.vki.ac.be>) and after examining the description of the research activities indicate below what type of research field, active at VKI, you would be interested in. Please note that not all research topics will be available.

Consult as well the description of the courses and the course syllabus and on this basis indicate the type of courses you are interested in. Courses should somehow be linked to the research project. Common courses are compulsory.

**Type of research field you are interested in :**

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What is your background in applied mathematics?

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What is your background in programming in FORTRAN, in C or in C++, including code development and debugging?

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What is your background in UNIX, LINUX or Windows operating systems ?

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If accepted to the VKI Research Master in Fluid Dynamics, you will be assigned to a specific department and for a specific option (experimental or numerical). Changes at a later date will be possible only if the department concerned agrees.

IX. DECLARATION OF THE CANDIDATE

I declare that the information given above is correct and that I am not aware that I have omitted anything which would adversely affect a decision to admit me to the von Karman Institute. Furthermore, I declare that I will inform the von Karman Institute of any external financial support I will receive during my proposed year of study at the VKI.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return this form, along with your choice of Active Research Topics, to [secretariat@vki.ac.be](mailto:secretariat@vki.ac.be)**

### ACTIVE RESEARCH TOPICS AT VKI

Indicate the department in which you wish to work and then indicate your interests placing numbers from 1 to 5 next to the project titles listed below (1 being your main interest); if you are interested in more than one department, please indicate the order of preference between departments.

- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>AERONAUTICS/AEROSPACE</u>   | Nature* |
|--------------------------|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ATMOSPHERIC RE-ENTRY FLOWS   |         |
|                          | ○ Re-entry capsule aerothermodynamics and stability.   | E       |
|                          | ○ Shock wave/boundary layer interactions in supersonic or hypersonic flows; fins, ramps and corner flows                                       | E,N     |
|                          | ○ Simulation of re-entry capsule aerothermodynamics and computation of viscous non equilibrium hypersonic flows using upwind FV or RDS methods | N       |
|                          | ○ Rarified flow gas dynamics and particle flow (DSMC)  | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PLASMA WIND TUNNEL and THERMAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS  |         |
|                          | ○ Intrusive/non-intrusive measurements in (ICP) plasma facilities and validation by numerical simulation                                       | E,N     |
|                          | ○ Spectroscopic diagnostics for plasma flows   | E       |
|                          | ○ Modeling and simulation methods for plasma flows   | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NON-INTRUSIVE MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES FOR HIGH SPEED FLOW   |         |
|                          | ○ laser Doppler velocymetry in high speed (subsonic/supersonic) flow   | E       |
|                          | ○ laser Particle Image Velocimetry in high speed (subsonic/supersonic) flow  | E       |
|                          | ○ Infrared thermography for heat transfer in hypersonic flows  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AEROACOUSTICS  |         |
|                          | ○ Acoustic beamforming applied to wind tunnel testing of airframe configurations.  | N,E     |
|                          | ○ Development and validation of prediction methods for airframe noise.   | N,E     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SMALL SATELLITES   |         |
|                          | ○ Developments of reentry cube sat   | N,E     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TURBULENCE   |         |
|                          | ○ Stability and transition to turbulence for a laminar hypersonic boundary layer; Natural and roughness induced mechanisms                     | N,E     |
|                          | ○ Compressible Direct Numerical Simulation and Large Eddy Simulation on unstructured grids with Residual distribution.                         | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION IN CFD  |         |
|                          | ○ application to space reentry aerodynamics and plasma flows   | E, N    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION   |         |
|                          | ○ Simulation and modelling of plasma flows related to interaction of the solar wind with the earth magnetic field, coronal mass ejections      | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS ALGORITHMIC DEVELOPMENTS  |         |
|                          | ○ Acceleration of flow solvers by advanced parallel computing platforms (GPGPU)  | N       |
|                          | ○ High order discretization methods for compressible flow simulation: Residual Distribution and discontinuous Galerkin Finite Element Methods  | N       |
|                          | ○ Acceleration of flow solvers by advanced CFD algorithms (multigrid, implicit methods)  | N       |
|                          | ○ Adjoint methods for error estimation and adaptive grid simulation  | N       |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL AND APPLIED FLUID DYNAMICS</u></b>   | Nature*                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>AEROACOUSTICS</b><br><input type="radio"/> Aerodynamic noise control using porous liners.<br><input type="radio"/> Development and validation of hybrid noise prediction methods for confined flows.<br><input type="radio"/> Investigation of low speed cooling fan noise for ground transportation.   | E,N,T<br>E,N<br>E,N             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>AERODYNAMICS OF GROUND VEHICLES</b><br><input type="radio"/> Ahmed body, solar car.<br><input type="radio"/> High speed train.  | E,N<br>E,N                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>HEAT TRANSFER</b><br><input type="radio"/> Heat transfer in buildings and industrial flows.<br><input type="radio"/> Free and forced convective flows over and around obstacles.<br><input type="radio"/> Convective enhancement and impinging jets.<br><input type="radio"/> Thermohydraulics of liquid metal reactors.  | E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>INSTRUMENTATION</b><br><input type="radio"/> Particle Image Velocimetry.<br><input type="radio"/> Particle diagnostics using laser techniques.<br><input type="radio"/> Infrared thermometry and inverse method.  | E<br>E<br>E                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>MULTIPHASE FLOWS</b><br><input type="radio"/> Dynamics of particles, droplets and/or bubbles in dispersed two-phase flows.<br><input type="radio"/> Sprays and flashing phenomena<br><input type="radio"/> Dynamics of Gas-Liquid Interfaces and sloshing phenomenon.<br><input type="radio"/> Two-phase hammer.<br><input type="radio"/> Nano-particle flow: sizing, filtration and passivation. | E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>TURBULENCE</b><br><input type="radio"/> Investigation of coherent structures in turbulent flows.<br><input type="radio"/> Numerical simulation of turbulent flows in complex geometries.  | E,N<br>N                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>WIND TECHNOLOGY</b><br><input type="radio"/> Wind effects on structures and people.<br><input type="radio"/> Renewable energy: wind resources assessment for Wind Turbines.<br><input type="radio"/> Urban wind turbines.<br><input type="radio"/> Weather forecasting.<br><input type="radio"/> Dispersion of pollutants in built environment.   | E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N<br>E,N |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>TURBOMACHINERY AND PROPULSION</u></b>   | Nature* |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental validation of a high temperature (1100°C) cooled fast response pressure probe for HP turbine stage measurements. | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary design of a high temperature cooled pneumatic and fast response directional pressure probe.                       | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development of a fast response static pressure probe.   | N,E     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-intrusive measurement technique for internal cooling passages.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convective heat transfer and/or aerodynamic measurements in internal cooling channels.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Measurement of low Re flows in rotating channels.   | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testing of high lift / high load turbine blade.   | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effect of surface roughness on turbine blade performance at low RE number.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation of the HP – LP interaction in a transonic 1.5 turbine stage.  | E, N    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steady and unsteady pressure, temperature and heat transfer measurements in rotation.   | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design and analysis of contra-rotating turbines.  | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation of transition in supersonic flows.  | E, T, N |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research on pulsating coolant flows in transonic turbines.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analysis and optimization of turbine based and rocket based combined cycles.  | T, N    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multipoint optimisation of radial impellers and low solidity diffusers.   | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-objective optimisation of turbomachinery.   | T, N    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optimisation of a 3D fan for automotive cooling.  | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optimisation of a micro gas turbine cycle (steady and transients).  | T       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aero-thermal effects in tip gap flows.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steady and unsteady pressure measurements in an axial compressor stage.   | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental study of the seal leakage flow in axial compressor stage.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental investigation of clocking effects in an axial compressor stage.  | E       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3D NS computations of the flow field in an axial compressor including a parametric study of casing treatment.                 | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3D Aerodynamic design of an axial compressor stage including lean, sweep and hub wall contouring.                             | N       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tip timing and tip clearance measurements in an axial compressor and turbine stage.   | E       |

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## APPRAISAL FORM

TO THE APPLICANT : This form should be given to a person who is in a position to comment on your qualifications for advanced study.

*Before submitting this form to the appraiser, please complete the following :*

(1) Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
last first middle

(2) *Address* \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Name and address of person who will complete this form : \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE PERSON WRITING THE APPRAISAL : This form is given to you for a confidential opinion of the applicant's qualifications for advanced study.

(1) *What is your opinion concerning the applicant's :*

a) *character and personality*

b) *analytical abilities and capacity of independent and creative work*

(2) Comparing this candidate with his (her) colleagues, do you rank him (her) among the upper 5 %, 10 % or 25 %

(upper 5 %)

(upper 10 %)

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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(The Appraiser)

This appraisal will be kept confidential and not shared with the candidate. Please e-mail to [secretariat@yki.ac.be](mailto:secretariat@yki.ac.be)

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