Dear Colleague,

I am writing to know if you would accept to host one student from Ecole Polytechnique this academic year from March 16 to August 29 2015 for a research training period of 3 or 5 months. As you may know, Ecole Polytechnique is one of the most prestigious and competitive scientific universities in France and our students have a very strong background in mathematics, physics, and mechanics.

If you agree, I would be grateful to receive a topic (5-10 lines with some keywords are sufficient). Please also indicate if some financial or housing support might be available (students at Ecole Polytechnique receive a stipend, which is unfortunately sometimes too small for living expenses in some countries).

Please bear in mind the following procedure:

(i) students who are interested in the topic that you proposed send their application to me,

(ii) in early January I will make a short selection among these applications, depending on the various grades obtained and on the general impressions about their motivation and capabilities, and then

(iii) the selected students (if any) will quickly get in touch with you. It might happen that you do not get any students at all because there were not enough suitable applications. In any case, we are extremely grateful for any propositions that you send to us.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

Xavier Allamigeon, Yacine Chitour, Stéphane Gaubert