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SISSA is one of the top universities in Italy for research quality: this is the important result achieved by the school in the rankings compiled by [ANVUR](#), the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research Systems, on behalf of the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research. SISSA holds the fourth position in the national rankings and the first among the Northern Italian universities. Founded in 1978 SISSA is a scientific center of excellence within the national and international academic scene. The three main research areas are [Physics](#), [Neuroscience](#) and [Mathematics](#). This result has been achieved thanks to its ability to attract the best scientists from all over the world, its international environment and its ambition to explore cutting-edge research areas.

The [Evaluation of Research Quality](#) (VQR) compiled by ANVUR is the result of a complex process, that lasted 18 months and involved 450 experts and 65.000 professors and researchers in charge of evaluating 120.000 scientific publications produced by Italian universities. “This is an important result that makes us very happy” declares SISSA director Stefano Ruffo. “Our strength lies in the quality of the research done in our institute. This thanks to a big effort that involves all professors, researchers, PhD students as well as the technical and administrative staff. Being among the outstanding universities in Italy is an important goal that makes us proud. At the same time, it is a huge motivation for the future, in order to maintain and even improve these results”.

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