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DIREZIONE GENERALE  
SERVIZIO SPECIALE RICERCA DI ATENEO  
U.O. ASSEGNI DI RICERCA

**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

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Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

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Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector's Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze Politiche e delle Relazioni Internazionali, received on 11/15/2022 protocol n. 129893, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 12 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Lorenzo Saltari, within PRIN 2020 - "Recovery the State Towards a Reformed Economy" Project (RESTORE);

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 10/11/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "The public-private partnership for strategical infrastructures in the implementation of the Italian national recovery and resilience plan", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze Politiche e delle Relazioni Internazionali;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-0983 WP costi rendicontabili was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 24.000 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 12
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: IUS/09 Institutions of Public Law



-Scientific Director: Prof. Lorenzo Saltari  
-Department: Scienze Politiche e delle Relazioni Internazionali

- Title: *The public-private partnership for strategical infrastructures in the implementation of the Italian national recovery and resilience plan*
- Description: The research aims to investigate if and how the interaction between the public and private spheres will change because of the management and implementation of the Italian national recovery and resilience plan. The projects included in the plan must be implemented by administrations often recurring to public procurements and concessions for the realization of strategic, physical, and digital, facilities. Starting from the collection and analysis of empirical data, the research will focus on legislative reforms on public contracts, on the organizational innovations of contracting authorities and on the development of competition. The research will take into consideration the main public-private partnership experiences of the projects of the national plan, especially in relation to digitization and innovation, infrastructures for sustainable mobility and ecological transition.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: PRIN 2020 - "Recovery the State Towards a Reformed Economy" Project (RESTORE)– U-GOV PRJ-0983 WP costi rendicontabili

CUP: B73C22000540001

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 24.000 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments. The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

## **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.



### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/struttura/modulistica.html> - **ALLEGATI DOMANDA ASSEGNI TIPOLOGIA B**), signed by the candidate, scanned and accompanied by the other attachments downloadable from the aforementioned link and by the documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the assessment (in PDF format), should be addressed to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo, U.O. Assegni di Ricerca, University of Palermo, Piazza Marina n. 61 - 90133 Palermo and forwarded, no later than thirty days from the date of posting of this notice to the University notice board, by electronic means (by midnight of the thirtieth day), by personal PEC at the address: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it).

The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Lorenzo Saltari".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Lorenzo Saltari".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.



In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;
- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;
- municipality on whose electoral lists they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
- to have no criminal convictions or to have ongoing criminal proceedings. In the opposite case, they must indicate the penal convictions reported or the criminal proceedings in progress, specifying whether amnesty, judicial pardon, pardon, etc. have been granted.
- degree held with the indication of the final mark and the date and the University in which it was awarded (candidates with a qualification obtained abroad that has not been declared equivalent, must expressly request a declaration of correspondence, only for the participation in the selection and attach the documents required by current legislation to enable the aforementioned declaration in question by the selection Committee);
- PhD title (if they hold one) or, for specific sectors, Medical Graduate School degree, with indication of the date of achievement and of the issuing University. Candidates with a PhD qualification obtained abroad must send together with the application form the qualifications with certified Italian translation and legalization by the authorities of the Country issuing the title (except in the case of exemption under international agreements and conventions) Each qualification must also be accompanied by the "Declaration of value" ("Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian diplomatic representation in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Where the title has been declared equivalent, the candidate must attach the relevant documentation);
- attendance, if any, of second-level masters courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of high- specialization schools, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions;
- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);
- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.

The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.



Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:





#### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

#### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.



The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

- a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);
- b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives



assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.





The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).



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**Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



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Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali, received on 11/21/2022 protocol n. 132580, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 18 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Vito Armando Laudicina, within PRIN 2020 - “Soil biodegradation of nutrients enriched cellulose- and chitosan-derived mulching films for sustainable horticulture” Project (MULCHING+);

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 08/11/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Evaluation of the degradability of cellulose and chitosan polymeric films, also enriched with nitrogen and phosphorus, in soil and their effect on crops", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-0761 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

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- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: AGR/13



-Scientific Director: Prof. Vito Armando Laudicina  
-Department: Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali

- Title: *Evaluation of the degradability of cellulose and chitosan polymeric films, also enriched with nitrogen and phosphorus, in soil and their effect on crops*
- Description: Biodegradability of BPMFs in a standard soil will be assessed according to the ISO 17556. BPMFs, cut in squares of 5 x 5 mm size, will be mixed with a soil and kept in bioreactors (flasks), periodically aerated, for a period of time during which the amount of carbon dioxide evolved will be measured. Ashless cellulose filters will be used as reference materials. The test will end when the CO<sub>2</sub> evolution plateau phase has been reached. To evaluate the effects of the innovative BPMFs on nutrient cycling, and on crop growth and yield, as well as on soil microorganisms a field experiment will be set up by using enclosed model ecosystems such as mesocosms units (80 cm diameter, 60 cm depth). The mesocosms will be filled with a loam-sandy soil and then fully buried in soil up to their upper edge. During this trial, total and available pools of soil C, N and P will be monitored. Crop growth and yield will be evaluated in terms of plant height, leaf, flower and fruit numbers, fresh and dry weights. N and P content in plant tissues will be analyzed by ion chromatography.

Duration: 18 months

Project Funds: PRIN 2020 - "Soil biodegradation of nutrients enriched cellulose- and chitosan-derived mulching films for sustainable horticulture" Project (MULCHING+)-U-GOV PRJ-0761 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: B73C22000330001

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The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**



The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

#### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

#### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.



The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the



University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.





The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

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**Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

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Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali, received on 11/21/2022 protocol n. 132581, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 12 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Virgilio Caleca, within Third- party services Agreement between “SAAF” Department and “Francesco Lombardo” agricultural farm;

Having regard to the Decree of the Director of the above mentioned Department of 17/11/2022, to be ratified by the Board of the above mentioned Department, concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Sustainable management of phytophagous insects in organic oil and table olive crops", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project CON-0502 senza WP was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 26.000 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: AGR/11



-Scientific Director: Prof. Virgilio Caleca  
-Department: Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali

- Title: *Sustainable management of phytophagous insects in organic oil and table olive crops*
- Description: The research is aimed at selecting the most effective control methods of the main seven phytophagous pests of olive trees in organic oil and table olive groves in Sicily, including monitoring and identifying at the species level the natural antagonists found during experimental trials. Experimental trials should be set up with means and methods allowed in organic farming, comparing the results with the most effective methods allowed in conventional olive growing.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: Third- party services Agreement between “SAAF” Department and “Francesco Lombardo” agricultural farm– U-GOV CON-0502 senza WP

CUP: B73C22000990007

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 26.000 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments. The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

### **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question. Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

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- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

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which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

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The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

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- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
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The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

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The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

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- severe illness;

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The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

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- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;





In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

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During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

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The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

#### **Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

#### **Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in



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the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

Palermo

THE RECTOR  
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**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
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(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

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Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 08/11/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: “Wheat ancient varieties exploitation and traceability system development”, to be carried out at the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-1041 - WP “Costi rendicontabili” was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 24.000 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
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-Scientific Director: Prof. Dario Giambalvo  
-Department: Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali

- Title: *Wheat ancient varieties exploitation and traceability system development*
- Description: Next Generation Sequencing data analysis (SNP genotyping and RNA-Seq data) for the assessment of wheat (*Triticum* spp.) populations biodiversity and isolation of genomic regions linked to traits of interest. In particular, Illumina SNP-arrays will be used to genotype wheat populations and varieties evaluating their intra and inter-population genetic variability and to develop a reference database of germplasm studied. The genetic profiles obtained will be also used to develop a traceability system. Furthermore, RNA-Sequencing data will be used to isolate differentially expressed genes among selected genotypes to identify key genes involved in phenotypic plasticity and genotype-environment interactions.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: "ANCIENT" Project funded under PSR Sicilia 2014/2022, sub-measure 16.1 "Sostegno per la costituzione e la gestione dei gruppi operativi del PEI in materia di produttività e sostenibilità dell'agricoltura"- U-GOV PRJ-1041 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: G79I22000960009

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 24.000 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments. The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

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The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

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- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

## **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

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The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

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The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

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In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Dario Giambalvo".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Dario Giambalvo".

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- mailing address;
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In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the



possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

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The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

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The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.



At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

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The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

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The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**



In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzione generale/serviziospecialericercadiatene/u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

### **Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will





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be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri





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**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

Having regard to the Law 30 December 2010, N. 240, Art.22 “Assegni di ricerca”;

Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

Having regard to the article 15 of the Law n. 183 of 11 November 2011, defining the rules of certifications and replacement statements, and the prohibition of introducing in the implementation of European Union directives additional obligations compared to those provided for by the directives themselves;

Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali, received on 11/22/2022 protocol n. 133219, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 12 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Maria Teresa Sardina, within “Conservazione delle risorse animali locali” (CO.RI.A.L.) Project funded under PSR Sicilia 2014- 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the Director of the above mentioned Department of 21/11/2022 to be ratified by the Board of the above mentioned Department, concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Analysis of genomic data to evaluate population structure and conservation status of local animal genetic resources", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-0717 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 31.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: AGR/17



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-Scientific Director: Prof. Maria Teresa Sardina  
-Department: Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali

- Title: *Analysis of genomic data to evaluate population structure and conservation status of local animal genetic resources*
- Description: Statistical analysis of genomic data, coming from high-throughput platforms and based on the use of genetic information from thousands of molecular markers present on the genome, in order to evaluate the genetic structure and conservation status of local sheep and goat genetic resources.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: "Conservazione delle risorse animali locali" (CO.RI.A.L.) Project funded under PSR Sicilia 2014- 2020– U-GOV PRJ-0717 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: G72C21000580009

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 31.000 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments. The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

### **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question. Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/struttura/modulistica.html> - **ALLEGATI DOMANDA ASSEGNI TIPOLOGIA B** ), signed by the candidate, scanned and accompanied by the other

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e-mail: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it); [maria.pia.biancucci@unipa.it](mailto:maria.pia.biancucci@unipa.it) - pec: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it)

<https://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/>



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attachments downloadable from the aforementioned link and by the documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the assessment (in PDF format), should be addressed to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo, U.O. Assegni di Ricerca, University of Palermo, Piazza Marina n. 61 - 90133 Palermo and forwarded, no later than thirty days from the date of posting of this notice to the University notice board, by electronic means (by midnight of the thirtieth day), by personal PEC at the address: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it).

The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Maria Teresa Sardina".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Maria Teresa Sardina".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;
- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;

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- municipality on whose electoral lists they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
- to have no criminal convictions or to have ongoing criminal proceedings. In the opposite case, they must indicate the penal convictions reported or the criminal proceedings in progress, specifying whether amnesty, judicial pardon, pardon, etc. have been granted.
- degree held with the indication of the final mark and the date and the University in which it was awarded (candidates with a qualification obtained abroad that has not been declared equivalent, must expressly request a declaration of correspondence, only for the participation in the selection and attach the documents required by current legislation to enable the aforementioned declaration in question by the selection Committee);
- PhD title (if they hold one) or, for specific sectors, Medical Graduate School degree, with indication of the date of achievement and of the issuing University. Candidates with a PhD qualification obtained abroad must send together with the application form the qualifications with certified Italian translation and legalization by the authorities of the Country issuing the title (except in the case of exemption under international agreements and conventions) Each qualification must also be accompanied by the "Declaration of value" ("Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian diplomatic representation in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Where the title has been declared equivalent, the candidate must attach the relevant documentation);
- attendance, if any, of second-level masters courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of high- specialization schools, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions;
- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);
- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.

The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.



Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

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- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

##### **Interview**





Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice. Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document. At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

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b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

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**DECREES**

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- Scientific-disciplinary sector: BIO/02

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-Department: Scienze e Tecnologie Biologiche Chimiche e Farmaceutiche

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The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 24.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

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The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

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- have a working knowledge of the English language





Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

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The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

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In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Cristina Salmeri".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la



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Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;
- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;
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- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);
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The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

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In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

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The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

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The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

#### Titles

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#### Interview

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The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

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At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

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The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

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The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

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Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze e Tecnologie Biologiche Chimiche e Farmaceutiche, received on 11/22/2022 protocol n. 133300, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 24 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Cristina Salmeri and Tutor Prof. Maurizio Sarà, within within “Lavori di realizzazione di una discarica per rifiuti non pericolosi denominata VII vasca, da realizzarsi presso la piattaforma impiantistica di Bellolampo presso la s.p. n. 1 al km 4+900 nel territorio comunale di Palermo” Third- party services Agreement between “STEBICEF” Department, Assessorato Regionale “Energia e Servizi di Pubblica Utilità – Regional Department of Water and Waste and R.A.P. Risorse Ambiente Palermo S.p.a.;

Having regard to the Decree of the Director of the above mentioned Department of 22/11/2022 to be ratified by the Board of the above mentioned Department, concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Environmental monitoring of the faunal components in relation to the construction works of the VII tank of the Bellolampo landfill (Palermo) and the related environmental mitigation works", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze e Tecnologie Biologiche Chimiche e Farmaceutiche;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project CON-0523 was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 48.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**



A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 05
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: BIO/05

-Scientific Director: Prof. Cristina Salmeri and Tutor Prof. Maurizio Sarà  
- Tutor Prof. Maurizio Sarà  
-Department: Scienze e Tecnologie Biologiche Chimiche e Farmaceutiche

- Title: *Environmental monitoring of the faunal components in relation to the construction works of the VII tank of the Bellolampo landfill (Palermo) and the related environmental mitigation works*
- Description: The research involves the data collection and field monitoring of the fauna occurring in the Natura 2000 sites SAC ITA020023 Raffo Rosso, Monte Cuccio and Vallone Sagana and SPA ITA020049 Monte Pecoraro and Pizzo Cirina, impacted by the realization of the VII tank in the Bellolampo landfill and the whole platform in general. Monitoring must be carried out according to standard protocols and timing, with particular reference to the fauna (Birds, Mammals, Amphibians and Reptiles) present in the area and included in annex 1 of the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC) or in annexes II and IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). Field observations and checklists carried out based on the ecology of the species must be also integrated by bibliographic research on the status and presence of the studied species. The research progress must be documented by half-yearly reports.

Duration: 24 months

Project Funds: within "Lavori di realizzazione di una discarica per rifiuti non pericolosi denominata VII vasca, da realizzarsi presso la piattaforma impiantistica di Bellolampo presso la s.p. n. 1 al km 4+900 nel territorio comunale di Palermo" Third- party services Agreement between "STEBICEF" Department, Assessorato Regionale "Energia e Servizi di Pubblica Utilità – Regional Department of Water and Waste and R.A.P. Risorse Ambiente Palermo S.p.a.;

CUP: G78C18000100001

The total gross amount for 24 months is equal to € 48.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

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The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question. Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.





Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/struttura/modulistica.html> - **ALLEGATI DOMANDA ASSEGNI TIPOLOGIA B** ), signed by the candidate, scanned and accompanied by the other attachments downloadable from the aforementioned link and by the documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the assessment (in PDF format), should be addressed to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo, U.O. Assegni di Ricerca, University of Palermo, Piazza Marina n. 61 - 90133 Palermo and forwarded, no later than thirty days from the date of posting of this notice to the University notice board, by electronic means (by midnight of the thirtieth day), by personal PEC at the address: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it).

The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Cristina Salmeri and Tutor Prof. Maurizio Sarà".



For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Cristina Salmeri and Tutor Prof. Maurizio Sarà".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;
- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;
- municipality on whose electoral lists they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
- to have no criminal convictions or to have ongoing criminal proceedings. In the opposite case, they must indicate the penal convictions reported or the criminal proceedings in progress, specifying whether amnesty, judicial pardon, pardon, etc. have been granted.
- degree held with the indication of the final mark and the date and the University in which it was awarded (candidates with a qualification obtained abroad that has not been declared equivalent, must expressly request a declaration of correspondence, only for the participation in the selection and attach the documents required by current legislation to enable the aforementioned declaration in question by the selection Committee);
- PhD title (if they hold one) or, for specific sectors, Medical Graduate School degree, with indication of the date of achievement and of the issuing University. Candidates with a PhD qualification obtained abroad must send together with the application form the qualifications with certified Italian translation and legalization by the authorities of the Country issuing the title (except in the case of exemption under international agreements and conventions) Each qualification must also be accompanied by the "Declaration of value" ("Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian diplomatic representation in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Where the title has been declared equivalent, the candidate must attach the relevant documentation);
- attendance, if any, of second-level masters courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of high- specialization schools, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions;
- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);



- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.

The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**



The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

##### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

##### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**



The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;





- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015),



excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract



period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

**Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

**Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

Palermo

THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

Having regard to the Law 30 December 2010, N. 240, Art.22 “Assegni di ricerca”;

Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

Having regard to the article 15 of the Law n. 183 of 11 November 2011, defining the rules of certifications and replacement statements, and the prohibition of introducing in the implementation of European Union directives additional obligations compared to those provided for by the directives themselves;

Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Ingegneria, received on 11/25/2022 protocol n. 135246, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 12 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Davide Lo Presti, within "RUBBERAP" Scientific Cooperation Agreement;

Having regard to the Decree of the Director of the above mentioned Department of 25/11/2022 to be ratified by the Board of the above mentioned Department, concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Design and Characterisation of rheologically complex bituminous materials for road pavements", to be carried out at the Department of Ingegneria;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project CON-0218 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 23.889,78 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 08
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: ICAR/04

-Scientific Director: Prof. Davide Lo Presti



-Department: Ingegneria

- Title: *Design and Characterisation of rheologically complex bituminous materials for road pavements*
- Description: This project aims to improve the knowledge of the performance of pavement materials for road applications with extensive use of recycled materials (e.g. modified binders, bituminous emulsion, bio-binders, recycled aggregates and waste materials). The ultimate goal is to design and enhance sustainable technologies for the construction and maintenance of road infrastructures. The project will consider the characterization of materials at different scale levels (from binders to blends) to define a general picture of their physical, mechanical and rheological properties and to provide road agencies and contractors with recommendations on their use and enhancement. The analysis of laboratory tests will also be performed using rheological modeling. The research will involve characterization of road materials in the laboratory (60%). The research fellow is also required to write scientific articles and reports (15%), to offer support in the technical-administrative management of projects (15%), where required, support related to other technical activities (5%) and finally to collaborate in carrying out internal communication, with national and international partners, and external via online platforms (5%).

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: "RUBBERAP" Scientific Cooperation Agreement– U-GOV CON-0218 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: B74I19002010007

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 23.889,78 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

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The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

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- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
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Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

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The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**



The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

#### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

#### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.



The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the





University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.





The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

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**Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

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Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

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Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze della Terra e del Mare, received on 11/24/2022 protocol n. 134085, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 24 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Concetta Maria Messina, within "ENGAGE4BIO: Better Understanding and Intensified Engagement in Biobased Systems with Fostering Training and Skills Development" Horizon Europe Project;

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 17/11/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Preliminary actions for circular economy pathways at regional level, aimed at the valorisation of fish processing by-products", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze della Terra e del Mare;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-1054 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 50.000 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: AGR/20



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-Scientific Director: Prof. Concetta Maria Messina

-Department: Scienze della Terra e del Mare

- Title: *Preliminary actions for circular economy pathways at regional level, aimed at the valorisation of fish processing by-products*
- Description: The research activity will focus on application of procedures and technologies aimed to promote, at local level, the valorization of by-products on circular economy pathways and sustainable development in blue supply chains and biorefineries.

Duration: 24 months

Project Funds: "ENGAGE4BIO: Better Understanding and Intensified Engagement in Biobased Systems with Fostering Training and Skills Development" Horizon Europe Project– U-GOV PRJ-1054 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: B75F22000590006

The total gross amount for 24 months is equal to € 50.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

### **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

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Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

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In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

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### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to



which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

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The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.



### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

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The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

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The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;



In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 - Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

#### **Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

#### **Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in



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**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri





**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

Having regard to the Law 30 December 2010, N. 240, Art.22 “Assegni di ricerca”;

Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

Having regard to the article 15 of the Law n. 183 of 11 November 2011, defining the rules of certifications and replacement statements, and the prohibition of introducing in the implementation of European Union directives additional obligations compared to those provided for by the directives themselves;

Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Scienze della Terra e del Mare, received on 11/24/2022 protocol n. 134091, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 24 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Concetta Maria Messina, within "ENGAGE4BIO: Better Understanding and Intensified Engagement in Biobased Systems with Fostering Training and Skills Development" Horizon Europe Project;

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 17/11/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Implementation of actions aimed to strengthening, at regional level, circular and sustainable blue- bioeconomy pathways", to be carried out at the Department of Scienze della Terra e del Mare;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-1054 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 50.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 07
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: AGR/20



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-Scientific Director: Prof. Concetta Maria Messina

-Department: Scienze della Terra e del Mare

- Title: *Implementation of actions aimed to strengthening, at regional level, circular and sustainable blue- bioeconomy pathways*
- Description: The research activity will focus on the implementation of actions aimed at strengthening, through a process of social engagement, pathways that can promote, at a local level, the circular economy and sustainable development in blue supply chains and biorefineries.

Duration: 24 months

Project Funds: "ENGAGE4BIO: Better Understanding and Intensified Engagement in Biobased Systems with Fostering Training and Skills Development" Horizon Europe Project- U-GOV PRJ-1054 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: B75F22000590006

The total gross amount for 24 months is equal to € 50.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

### **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiatene>

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e-mail: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it); [maria.pia.biancucci@unipa.it](mailto:maria.pia.biancucci@unipa.it) - pec: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it)

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The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Concetta Maria Messina".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Concetta Maria Messina".

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- surname and name;
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- mailing address;
- residence;

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- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
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The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

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- severe illness;

### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

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- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;



In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

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As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

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During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

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The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiatene/o.u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

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In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

### **Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in



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**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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THE RECTOR  
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**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
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**THE RECTOR**

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HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 56.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 10
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: L-OR/12





-Scientific Director: Prof. Patrizia Spallino  
-Department: Culture e Società

- Title: *THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED AND ITS TRANSLATIONS. Arabic version*
- Description: The Arabic language acquires a literary relevance for the Christians of the East thanks to the Melkites who dedicate themselves to the religious literature cultivated mainly in Palestine and in the Antiochian territory. The monastery of San Saba and Santa Caterina del Sinai belonged to Palestine; here numerous translations and original works were written, very ancient writings of an apologetic nature. Another cultural center of Greek-Syriac spiritual life was Antioch where learned Arab-speaking scholars worked and were interested in literature; this area became suitable terrain for the development of Arab-Christian literature on the foundation of the patristic heritage. The need for the translation of religious texts from Greek into Arabic immediately arises in the scenario of the Middle East (7th-9th century) characterized by coexistence with other confessions, and in particular, with the dominant Muslim population. Several authors, Theodore Abū Qurrah (750-823) in the first place, take sides in the defense and preservation of orthodoxy. The translation of the Symbol will be the object of the reflections and theological speculations of these apologists, producing interesting results characterized by fidelity to the Greek language version and the link with the philosophical conceptual system inherited from the Fathers. The activity will develop primarily in tracing and collecting the various versions of the Symbol from Greek to Arabic. The attention of researchers will be directed towards certain libraries and universities in very specific geographical areas such as: the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Constantinople, the Syrian-Lebanese area, the Egyptian region and specifically the monastery of Saint Catherine in Sinai. The philological, theological, philosophical analysis of the Arab texts traced will determine the second phase of the research, constituting a piece of the whole that we intend to reconstruct.

Duration: 28 months

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The total gross amount for 28 months is equal to € 56.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

## **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional



scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

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- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/struttura/modulistica.html> - **ALLEGATI DOMANDA ASSEGNI TIPOLOGIA B**), signed by the candidate, scanned and accompanied by the other attachments downloadable from the aforementioned link and by the documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the assessment (in PDF format), should be addressed to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo, U.O. Assegni di Ricerca, University of Palermo, Piazza Marina n. 61 - 90133 Palermo and forwarded, no later than thirty days from the date of posting of this notice to the University notice board, by electronic means (by midnight of the thirtieth day), by personal PEC at the address: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it).

The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.



In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Patrizia Spallino".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Patrizia Spallino".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

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- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
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- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
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- knowledge of Arabic, English, Syriac, Hebrew language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
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The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

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Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

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#### Titles

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#### Interview

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The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

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HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 23.889,84 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

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A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

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- Scientific-disciplinary sector: IUS/20

-Scientific Director: Prof. Marco Brigaglia  
-Department: Giurisprudenza





- Title: *Legal Reasoning and Cognitive Science*
- Description: Research activities concern the contribution of cognitive science to the understanding of legal reasoning. Targeted topics are: cognitive distortions in adjudication; the role of emotions and intuitive processes in adjudication; the role of expertise in adjudication; cognitive models of norm-based reasoning, with a focus on defeasible reasoning in adjudication; cognitive structure of legal concepts, with a focus on the implication on the ecological design of adjudication. Research activities will include: collaboration on the editing of the Handbook on Legal Reasoning and Cognitive Science, which is one of the project's Intellectual Outputs; collaboration on follow-up activities aimed at ensuring, at the end of the project, the continuation of research on the topics indicated above.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: "Legal reasoning and cognitive science - RECOGNISE" Project- U-GOV PRJ-0518 senza WP

CUP: B72F20000500006

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 23.889,84 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

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The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

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- have a working knowledge of the English language

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## **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

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The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Marco Brigaglia".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Marco Brigaglia".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;

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- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;
- municipality on whose electoral lists they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
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- PhD title (if they hold one) or, for specific sectors, Medical Graduate School degree, with indication of the date of achievement and of the issuing University. Candidates with a PhD qualification obtained abroad must send together with the application form the qualifications with certified Italian translation and legalization by the authorities of the Country issuing the title (except in the case of exemption under international agreements and conventions) Each qualification must also be accompanied by the "Declaration of value" ("Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian diplomatic representation in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Where the title has been declared equivalent, the candidate must attach the relevant documentation);
- attendance, if any, of second-level masters courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of high- specialization schools, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions;
- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);
- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.

The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.



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In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

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#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

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- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
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The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

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At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

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The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

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The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

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The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

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Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant.

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- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
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- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
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Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Promozione della Salute, Materno-Infantile, Medicina Interna e Specialistica di Eccellenza G. D’Alessandro, received on 12/7/2022 protocol n. 140871, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 12 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Angelo Baldassare Cefalù, within CT\_D25\_AMRYT 2021\_AVERNA and CT\_D25\_MSD\_2021\_AVERNA Projects;

Having regard to the Decree of the Director of the above mentioned Department of 07/12/2022 to be ratified by the Board of the above mentioned Department, concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Development of innovative molecular therapeutic strategies for Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia", to be carried out at the Department of Promozione della Salute, Materno-Infantile, Medicina Interna e Specialistica di Eccellenza G. D’Alessandro;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project CT\_D25\_AMRYT\_2021\_AVERNA e CT\_D25\_MSD\_2021\_AVERNA – senza WP" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 24.994,29 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:





- Scientific -disciplinary area: 06
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: MED/09

-Scientific Director: Prof. Angelo Baldassare Cefalù  
-Department: Promozione della Salute, Materno-Infantile, Medicina Interna e Specialistica di Eccellenza G. D'Alessandro

- Title: *Development of innovative molecular therapeutic strategies for Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia*
- Description: Clinical manifestations and clinical phenotype of monogenic homozygous dominant diseases depend on the degree of the residual activity of the gene product. Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) is a dominant disorder characterized by high plasma LDL levels and premature atherosclerosis. Homozygous form of FH (Ho-FH) is a devastating disease difficult to manage and more than 90% of Ho-FH patients have mutations in the LDLR gene (FH-1). The LDL-R protein is controlled post-translationally by PCSK9 and IDOL. PCSK9 binds to the LDL-R and controls LDL-R levels by promoting its intracellular degradation. IDOL mediates ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation of the LDL-R. Inactivation of either PCSK9 or IDOL reduces intracellular degradation and increases LDL-R levels. The aim is to provide the in vitro proof of concept of a strategy to lower plasma LDL levels applicable in patients with homozygous FH-1 with a residual LDL-R activity > 2%. This strategy is based on: 1) inactivation of PCSK9 and IDOL by antisense RNAs; 2) inhibition of micro-RNA mediated repression of LDL-R expression by using a specific antagomir.

Duration: 12 months

Project Funds: Projects– U-GOV CT\_D25\_AMRYT\_ 2021\_AVERNA e CT\_D25\_MSD\_2021\_AVERNA – senza WP

CUP: B77G22000520007 and B77G22000530007

The total gross amount for 12 months is equal to € 24.994,29 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

## **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**

The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question.

Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;



- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

### **Art. 3 - Application and deadline**

The application for admission to the selection procedure, drawn up in free paper according to the form attached to the notice (Annex 1, downloadable from the following link:

<http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/struttura/modulistica.html> - **ALLEGATI DOMANDA ASSEGNI TIPOLOGIA B**), signed by the candidate, scanned and accompanied by the other attachments downloadable from the aforementioned link and by the documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the assessment (in PDF format), should be addressed to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo, U.O. Assegni di Ricerca, University of Palermo, Piazza Marina n. 61 - 90133 Palermo and forwarded, no later than thirty days from the date of posting of this notice to the University notice board, by electronic means (by midnight of the thirtieth day), by personal PEC at the address: [pec@cert.unipa.it](mailto:pec@cert.unipa.it).

The application form and the attached documents must be contained in a single PEC. For reasons related to the management of the certified e-mail box, the files to be sent attached to the PEC must have a maximum overall size of 30 MB. As regards the scientific works for which the evaluation is requested, the candidate is required to submit a specific substitutive declaration of certification in which, specifying whether he is the author or co-author, he must list them, number them and divide them by type. For each scientific work listed in the aforementioned list, the link through which the Commission can view it must be indicated.

The Administration is exempt from any responsibility for the non-receipt of the PEC sent by the candidates dependent on technical errors and / or causes not attributable to the same.

The obligation to sign by hand is considered fulfilled by attaching a copy of a valid identity document to the scan of the completed application and signed by the PEC holder.

For subjects belonging to the Member States of the European Union and non-EU countries, the application for admission to the selective procedure, signed with a digital signature and scanned, as well as the relative documentation requested (in PDF format) can be sent electronically from an address of ordinary e-mail by sending an e-mail to the following address: [mail-protocollo@unipa.it](mailto:mail-protocollo@unipa.it). If it is not possible to sign with a digital signature, the obligation of handwritten signing, is considered fulfilled with validation of the application and declarations by handwritten signature before the interview.

In both of the cases described above, it is necessary to specify in the subject of the e-mail the following: "Public selective procedure for the assignment of a research grant, Scientific Responsible Prof. Angelo Baldassare Cefalù".

For the participation in the competition candidates are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay within the deadline for submission of the application, a contribution for organizational costs in the amount of € 50.00. This contribution must be paid by bank transfer to c/c n. 000300004577 registered to the University of Palermo - Via



Roma, 185 - 90133 Palermo - identification code of the treasury of the University of Palermo 9150300 - UniCredit S.p.A. - IBAN code IT09A0200804682000300004577 - SWIFT code: UNCRITMMPAE indicating in the reason for payment: "Contributo per la partecipazione alla procedura selettiva pubblica per l'attribuzione dell'assegno di ricerca di cui è responsabile Scientifico del progetto il Prof. Angelo Baldassare Cefalù".

Copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application.

In the application the candidates must indicate the selection call for which they intend to apply, the area and the scientific disciplinary sector (SSD) of reference of the research, the Department, the title of the research and the scientific director of the project; they must also declare under their own responsibility what is specified below:

- surname and name;
- place and date of birth;
- mailing address;
- residence;
- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
- citizenship;
- municipality on whose electoral lists they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
- to have no criminal convictions or to have ongoing criminal proceedings. In the opposite case, they must indicate the penal convictions reported or the criminal proceedings in progress, specifying whether amnesty, judicial pardon, pardon, etc. have been granted.
- degree held with the indication of the final mark and the date and the University in which it was awarded (candidates with a qualification obtained abroad that has not been declared equivalent, must expressly request a declaration of correspondence, only for the participation in the selection and attach the documents required by current legislation to enable the aforementioned declaration in question by the selection Committee);
- PhD title (if they hold one) or, for specific sectors, Medical Graduate School degree, with indication of the date of achievement and of the issuing University. Candidates with a PhD qualification obtained abroad must send together with the application form the qualifications with certified Italian translation and legalization by the authorities of the Country issuing the title (except in the case of exemption under international agreements and conventions) Each qualification must also be accompanied by the "Declaration of value" ("Dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian diplomatic representation in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Where the title has been declared equivalent, the candidate must attach the relevant documentation);
- attendance, if any, of second-level masters courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of high- specialization schools, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions;
- e-mail address, to which the communications relating to this selective procedure are to be transmitted;
- enjoyment of civil and political rights in the Country of origin or provenance, or reasons for exclusion from them (for EU citizens and non-EU citizens);
- knowledge of English language (certified by certificate of level B1 or verified during the interview)
- non-existence of incompatibility pursuant to art. 11 of this announcement (otherwise the type of incompatibility must be indicated);
- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.



The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.



### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

#### **Titles**

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

#### **Interview**

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.

The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.





The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;
- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the





University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.



The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.

#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at:



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**Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

**Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

**Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

Palermo

THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

Having regard to the Law 30 December 2010, N. 240, Art.22 "Assegni di ricerca";

Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

Having regard to the article 15 of the Law n. 183 of 11 November 2011, defining the rules of certifications and replacement statements, and the prohibition of introducing in the implementation of European Union directives additional obligations compared to those provided for by the directives themselves;

Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector's Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata, received on 12/13/2022 protocol n. 143092, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 15 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Francesco Cappello, within PRIN 2020 - "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells" (InfiniEGG);

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 17/10/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Molecular analysis of the content of extracellular vesicles isolated from bovine primordial follicle culture media aimed at determining cellular stress markers", to be carried out at the Department of Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica Avanzata;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-0788 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 30.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:



- Scientific -disciplinary area: 05
- Scientific-disciplinary sector: BIO/16

-Scientific Director: Prof. Francesco Cappello  
-Department: Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata

- Title: *Molecular analysis of the content of extracellular vesicles isolated from bovine primordial follicle culture media aimed at determining cellular stress markers*
- Description: This research is part of a larger project entitled "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells (InfinitEGG)" funded by the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca, PRIN 2020: Progetti di Ricerca di rilevante interesse Nazionale. Female fertility preservation and improvement of reproductive efficiency are urgent issues in both livestock and humans. The project aims to explore alternative strategies for female fertility preservation by devising and optimizing methods for isolation and culture of primordial and early antral follicles using ruminants as animal models due to the strict physiological similarities with humans. The main goal is to obtain robust protocols to generate mature and competent oocytes by in vitro procedures. This goal will be achieved through a multidisciplinary approach which aims to preserve fertility from the early stages of follicle development (primordial follicle) to the early antral follicles. Recent studies focusing on the development of more physiological oocyte in vitro culture systems have revealed the role of small extracellular vesicles (sEVs) that are released in the follicular fluid as novel mediators of follicular growth and oocyte meiotic maturation. sEVs play a key role in the crosstalk between the germinal and somatic compartments. Moreover, cultural media enrichment with sEVs represents a potential innovative tool for the setup of novel culture systems to produce fully competent oocyte in vitro grown. During the 15 months of activity: 1) Carry on a proteomic analysis of the sEVs obtained from the culture media of primordial bovine follicles, using western blot analysis 2) Carry on a "myrnomic" analysis (searching for specific microRNAs) of the sEVs obtained from the culture media of bovine primordial follicles by quantitative real time PCR analysis (qRT-PCR); 3) Carry out a statistical analysis of the obtained data.

Duration: 15 months

Project Funds: PRIN 2020 - "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells" (InfinitEGG)– U-GOV PRJ-0788 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

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The total gross amount for 15 months is equal to € 30.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

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- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

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- telephone number, e-mail box, social security number (or tax code, if any);
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The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the



candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

##### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

##### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.



The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;



- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
- can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
- may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;

The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic

July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;

b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the





field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.





#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

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#### **Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

#### **Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

#### **Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

Palermo

THE RECTOR  
Prof. Massimo Midiri



**PUBLIC SELECTION FOR A  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GRANT – TYPE B TO COOPERATE WITH A  
RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH SPECIFIC FUNDING  
(LAW 30 DECEMBER 2010, N. 240, ART.22)**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to the Law 9 May 1989, n. 168;

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Having regard to the Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research of 9 March 2011, n. 102, setting the minimum amount of research fellowship grants;

Having regard to the article 15 of the Law n. 183 of 11 November 2011, defining the rules of certifications and replacement statements, and the prohibition of introducing in the implementation of European Union directives additional obligations compared to those provided for by the directives themselves;

Having regard to the Rules for the awarding of research fellowship grants, issued with Rector's Decree n. 2760 of 02/07/2021;

Having regard to the request of the Director of the Department of Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata, received on 12/13/2022 protocol n. 143079, concerning the activation of n. 1 Type B research fellowship grant, lasting 15 months, with Scientific Director Prof. Francesco Cappello, within PRIN 2020 - "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells" (InfiniEGG);

Having regard to the resolution of the Board of the above mentioned Department of 17/10/2022 concerning the request for activation of the research fellowship grant: "Isolation and characterization of extracellular vesicles from bovine primordial follicle culture media", to be carried out at the Department of Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata;

CONSIDERED that the funding allocated for the project PRJ-0788 - WP "Costi rendicontabili" was regularly entered in the E.C. budget 2022 of the Department;

HAVING REGARD to the declaration of allocation of the budget covering the research fellowship grant, amount € 30.000,00 on the above-mentioned project, sent by the Administrative official of the Department above-mentioned;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 - Duration and amount of the research grant**

A public selection procedure is called, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 research fellowship grant for collaboration in research activities (Type B) as specified below:

- Scientific -disciplinary area: 05



- Scientific-disciplinary sector: BIO/16

-Scientific Director: Prof. Francesco Cappello

-Department: Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata

- Title: *Isolation and characterization of extracellular vesicles from bovine primordial follicle culture media*
- Description: This research is part of a larger project entitled "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells (InfiniEGG)" funded by the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca, PRIN 2020: Progetti di Ricerca di rilevante interesse Nazionale. Female fertility preservation and improvement of reproductive efficiency are urgent issues in both livestock and humans. The project aims to explore alternative strategies for female fertility preservation by devising and optimizing methods for isolation and culture of primordial and early antral follicles using ruminants as animal models due to the strict physiological similarities with humans. The main goal is to obtain robust protocols to generate mature and competent oocytes by in vitro procedures. This goal will be achieved through a multidisciplinary approach which aims to preserve fertility from the early stages of follicle development (primordial follicle) to the early antral follicles. Recent studies focusing on the development of more physiological oocyte in vitro culture systems have revealed the role of small extracellular vesicles (sEVs) that are released in the follicular fluid as novel mediators of follicular growth and oocyte meiotic maturation. sEVs play a key role in the crosstalk between the germinal and somatic compartments. Moreover, cultural media enrichment with sEVs represents a potential innovative tool for the setup of novel culture systems to produce fully competent oocyte in vitro grown. During the 15 months of activity: 1) develop a cell culture of primordial bovine follicles; 2) develop a standardized protocol for the isolation of small extracellular vesicles from the culture media of bovine primordial follicles; 3) Characterize both from a morphological point of view by electron microscopy and from a biochemical point of view the extracted vesicles using specific markers for small extracellular vesicles.

Duration: 15 months

Project Funds: PRIN 2020 - "New perspectives for the exploitation of female reproductive potential in mammals: from the recovery of the untapped natural ovarian reserve to the generation of oocytes and granulosa cells from mesenchymal stem cells" (InfiniEGG)– U-GOV PRJ-0788 - WP "Costi rendicontabili"

CUP: B73C22000380001

The total gross amount for 15 months is equal to € 30.000,00 including the charges borne by the Administration and will be paid to the beneficiary in deferred monthly instalments.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for men and women for the assignment of the grant in question in accordance with the law of 10 April 1991 n. 125 and subsequent modifications.

## **Art. 2 - General admission requirements**



The holders of an Italian Degree obtained under the previous system (before Ministerial Decree 509/99) of an Italian Master's Degree, of a single-cycle Degree or equivalent qualifications issued by foreign countries, who are in possession of a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities as for Art.1 may apply for the public selection for the assignment of the allowance in question. Italian citizens who are excluded from the active political electorate cannot be admitted to the selection procedure.

Citizens of EU Member States and non-EU countries must also possess the following requisites:

- enjoy full civil and political rights in the states of belonging or provenance;
- be in possession, with the exception of the ownership of Italian citizenship, of all other requisites envisaged for Italian citizens;
- have a working knowledge of the English language

Applicants must possess the prescribed requirements on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application for admission.

The University administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, decide the exclusion from the selection procedure due to the lack of the prescribed requirements.

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- to have or not have benefited from previous research fellowship grants pursuant to art. 22 of the law 240/2010;
- to have or not to have already been the holder of fixed-term research contracts (if any) pursuant to art. 24 of Law 240/2010.

The qualifications submitted for evaluation must be sent in certified copy or accompanied by a replacement statement, pursuant to article 46 or of a declaration pursuant to article 47 of the aforementioned decree.

The data and documents held by the University of Palermo may be acquired *ex officio* if the candidate indicates the indispensable elements for obtaining the information or data requested.

Candidates who hold only the degree must, on pain of exclusion from the competition, submit the documentation necessary to demonstrate they possess a scientific professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the research activity of this announcement.

Disabled candidates, according to the law of 5 February 1992, n. 104, will have to make explicit request, in relation to their handicap, with regard to the aid necessary to be able to sustain the interview.

The University administration assumes no responsibility for the dispersal of communications due to incorrect indication of the contact by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of address and contact indicated in the application, nor for any errors not attributable to the administration itself.

Applications missing both from the application form signed and drawn up according to annex 1 and from any other document required by the call under penalty of exclusion and applications sent after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

#### **Art. 4 – Selection Committee**

No later than 15 days from the deadline for submission of applications, the Board of the Department Council or the Board of the field office proposes the names of the members of the Selection Committee, (three full members and an alternate one), chosen among the professors or researchers (tenured or not tenured) of the University of Palermo belonging to the CUN area of research, including the Scientific Director of the project entitled to funding, with the role of President.

In the first meeting, the Commission of selection, appointed by decree of the Rector, preliminarily and explicitly establishes the criteria and methods for assessing qualifications and the conduct of the interview. Subsequently, after having received the documentation of the candidates from the office and having examined the list of the candidates, it inserts, during the second meeting, a declaration showing that the commissioners are not in a relationship of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree included, among them and with the candidates and that therefore there are not the causes of abstention referred to in articles. 51 and 52 of the Civil Procedural Code.

Then it proceeds to the evaluation of the qualifications and the attribution of the relevant score, which is communicated to the candidates before the date of the interview.

The Committee must complete the work within a maximum period of 60 days from receipt of the candidates' applications; it performs a comparative evaluation of the



candidates based on the examination of the qualifications submitted by the same and an interview and draws up appropriate minutes according to the current selection regulations.

The judgment of the Commission is unquestionable on the merits.

#### **Art.5 - Selection**

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of academic qualification and interview. Up to 70 points may be awarded to qualifications and up to 30 points to the interview. To be admitted to the interview, candidates must achieve at least 40 points out of 70 points for the qualifications. The interview is considered passed by candidates who have achieved at least 10 out of 30 available points.

#### **Art.6 - Evaluation**

The Committee will attribute the evaluation, expressed out of 100, according to the following criteria:

##### Titles

- up to 60 points for documented scientific activity according to the Unipa procedures for determining the status of active University researcher; theses and doctoral theses are excluded;
- up to 10 points for other qualifications (second level University master courses, post-graduate specialization courses obtained both in Italy and abroad, attendance of higher education institutions, organization of scientific meetings, periods spent at Italian and foreign scientific institutions).

##### Interview

Up to 30 points might be awarded for the interview, based on the discussion of the candidate's scientific production and aiming at ascertaining the level of scientific knowledge with respect to the research program of the research fellowship grant as well as the knowledge of the foreign language (for candidates who do not hold the level B1 certificate).

#### **Art.7 - Interview and ranking**

The place, date and time of the interview will be communicated at least 20 days before in the most appropriate manner to the candidates who, at the time of submission of the application do not enclose a declaration attesting to waive the legal terms of notice.

Candidates must bring at the interview a valid identification document.

At the end of each interview session, the Committee will exhibit at the examination site the list of the examined candidates with the indication of the mark awarded to each one.

The interview will be public.

The Committee will post up the ranking of merit in descending order, adding the score of the qualifications to that of the interview.

The PhD, or a Medical Graduate School degree, for specific sectors, accompanied by appropriate scientific production, will be considered an advantage for the attribution of the research fellowship grant. With equal merit, the candidate with a minor age will be preferred.

The Committee will complete its work and transmit the minutes, signed by each member, and all the relevant documents to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - UO "Assegni di Ricerca" for further requirements.



The selection proceedings and the relative ranking of merit will be approved by decree of the Rector, and will be published, for a period of thirty days, on the official board of the University of Palermo.

#### **Art.8 - Stipulation of the contract**

The research grant is established following the stipulation with the University of Palermo of an intellectual work contract pursuant to articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code.

The contract must be signed by the winner with a digital signature which must be affixed in PAdES mode.

The contract may provide for possible penalties in case of non-compliance with contractual obligations.

The activity of the research fellow should not be considered, in any case, a subordinate employment activity. Grants do not give rise to rights regarding access to the staff roles of Italian universities.

The winner is required to present himself for the stipulation of the contract within fifteen days of the convocation.

Failure to comply with this term will result in the loss of the right to the research grant. In the case of particular, justified and documented motivations, the stipulation of the contract may be postponed beyond fifteen days but, in any case, for a period not exceeding sixty days from the convocation date; the only exception consists in the possible requests for extension for pregnancy and puerperium, or serious and documented infirmity.

The winner or the holder of the grant can also obtain the postponement or suspension of the grant for a period not exceeding one continuous year in the following cases:

a) for the mandatory year of training for teaching at schools on a motivated request, with the consent of the Scientific Responsible of the project and of the Department to which the research project relates (following the Academic Senate deliberation in the session of 30 October 2001);

b) for the activation of scholarships granted by national or foreign institutions permitted by current legislation.

The winner of the research fellowship grant is required to self-certify any changes made to the points referred to in art. 3 of this announcement, before signing the contract.

#### **Art. 9 - Service**

The winner is required to start the research activity the first day after the signature of the contract.

The beginning of the activity is documented by the Director of the Department in which the person concerned must carry out his/her collaboration by sending a statement to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo – U.O. Assegni di Ricerca. For non-EU citizens the grant will start after obtaining the entry visa for scientific research and from the very beginning of the research activity.

#### **Art. 10 - Activities and evaluation of the research fellows**

The methods and characteristics related to the research, in accordance with the aims of the project, will be established in the contract.

The holder of the research grant:

- carries out the research activities foreseen by the contract, previously declared by the Department Board compatible with its own research programs;
- may participate in university research groups and projects, regardless of the funding body;
- can take part in all the activities planned by the Department or by the field office for the promotion of research and the dissemination of results;



- can be part of the examination Boards, being already expert in the subject for the teachings of the scientific-disciplinary field of reference, at the request of the scientific tutor of the research fellow and after the presentation of the proposal drawn up in accordance with art.2 of the regulations for the appointment of scholars;
  - can perform university teaching assignments conferred through contracts;
  - may perform a limited supplementary teaching activity (maximum 20 hours per year) with authorization from the Tutor, if assigned by the Board of a Degree Course;
- The Department or field office must provide the research fellow with the necessary support for the realization of the research program, guaranteeing access to the equipment, the necessary resources and the needed technical - administrative services.

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the University facilities, according to the research program. Any research activity outside the University, provided that it is consistent with the research programs and objectives assigned to the grant holder, must be proposed by the Tutor and approved by the Board of the Department or of the field office.

Any renewal of the research grant will be authorized, upon motivated request of Board of the Department or of the field office, by the University Board of Directors, after verification of the availability of funding for the same research activity and subject to the positive evaluation by the Scientific Director of the project of the research activity carried out by the research fellow, certifying the need for the continuation of the fellowship grant for the completion of the research.

At the end of the period covered by the research fellowship grant, and in any case at the end of the research activity before the pre-established deadline, the research fellow must send to the Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo a report on the activity carried out, countersigned by the Tutor or the Scientific Director/Contact person, accompanied by the evaluation expressed by the Board of the Department or of the field office in relation to the objectives set and accompanied by the relevant scientific production.

#### **Article 11 - Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility, interruptions**

The following categories cannot be holders of a research fellowship grant:

- a) the permanent employees of universities, institutions, public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA, ASI, as well as of institutions whose scientific advanced diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. qualification pursuant to article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Decree of the President of the Republic July 11, 1980, n. 382, unless termination of the relationship due to voluntary resignation in the case of attribution of the grant;
- b) those who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department to whom the grant has been assigned or to the structure publishing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors.

The grant is individual.

The grant cannot be cumulated with any scholarships, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the research activity of the research fellows.

The holder of the grant cannot participate in 1st and 2nd cycle degree courses, university master courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical graduate schools, in Italy or abroad; employees of public administration must put themselves on leave, before accepting the research fellowship grant.

Private employees, even if part-time ones, cannot benefit from research fellowship grants.

The holders of research fellowship grants cannot participate to university master courses.

Self-employment and occasional collaboration activities are compatible with the research grant only if previously authorized by the Board of the Department or of the



field office, upon acquisition of the motivated opinion of the Tutor and provided that the further activity does not prejudice the regular conduct of the research activity.

The total duration of the research fellowship, including any renewal, cannot in any case exceed six years (DL 31.12.2014 n.192, converted into Law n.11 of 27.02.2015), excluding the period in which the fellowship coincided with a PhD course, within the maximum limit of the legal duration of the relevant course

The total duration of the research fellowship or of non tenured university researcher contracts, also intervening with other public, private or distance-education universities, as well as with public research and experimentation bodies, ENEA and ASI it cannot in any case exceed twelve years even if non-continuous.

The periods spent on maternity leave or on leave for health reasons according to current legislation are not taken into account for the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned contracts.

The research activity and the grant can be suspended, provided that the duration of the fellowship cannot be reduced due to the following suspensions, for:

- mandatory maternity leave and parental leave;
- severe illness;

#### **Art.12 - Termination of the grant and voluntary resignation**

In cases of serious non-compliance, reported by the Board of the Department, the contract can be immediately terminated by resolution of the Academic Senate, after hearing the interested party.

The revocation is automatic in the following cases:

- failure to start the activity within the established term;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for a period longer than fifteen days;
- serious violation of the incompatibility regime;

In case of withdrawal from the contract, the holder of the grant is required to give thirty days' notice.

In the event of failure to give notice, the Administration will withhold or recover from the holder of the grant an amount corresponding to the remuneration for thirty days.

The winners of public selections that give rise to the placement in the roles of university personnel are not subject to the obligation of thirty days' notice.

#### **Article 13 -Taxes, social security and insurance**

As established by art. 22 paragraph 6 of Law 240/2010, the provisions of art. 4 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n.476 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as, in matters of social security, those pursuant to art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent modifications do apply to research fellowship grants.

With respect to mandatory maternity leave for checks, the provisions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of 12 July 2007, and, with regard to sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27 December 2006, n. 296 and subsequent modifications are applied.

During the period of mandatory maternity leave, the indemnity paid by the INPS pursuant to article 5 of the aforementioned decree of 12 July 2007 is integrated by the University up to the total amount of the research fellowship grant.

The University provides to the holders of the research fellowship grant the insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in carrying out the research activity. The amount of the relative premium is deducted from the grant.

Health care insurance is the responsibility of the researcher without any intervention by the University.



#### **Art.14 - Substitutions**

In case of non-completion of the research fellowship period by the winner of the selection process, it will be possible to call the following in the ranking if the contract period still to be used is equal to or greater than 12 months, pursuant to the provisions of law 240/2010 which provides for a minimum duration of one year.

#### **Art. 15 - Publicity of the selection procedure**

The present announcement will be posted on the official board of the University of Palermo, (<http://www.unipa.it/albo.html>) and on the MIUR website (<http://bandi.miur.it>).

The announcement will also be accessible at the University of Palermo website at: <http://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialericercadiateneo/u.o.assegnidiricerca/bandi>

#### **Art.16 - Processing of personal data**

In application of EU Regulations 2016/679 the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidate: "all data provided will be processed only for purposes related to and instrumental to the competition and to the possible stipulation and management of the contract with the University".

#### **Art. 17 - Official in charge for the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 7 August 1990 n. 241 the official in charge for the selection proceedings referred to in this announcement is appointed in the person of Dott.ssa Stefania Crifasi - Head of the U.O. Assegni di Ricerca del Servizio Speciale Ricerca di Ateneo - email: [stefania.crifasi@unipa.it](mailto:stefania.crifasi@unipa.it).

#### **Art. 18 - Final provisions**

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations and laws in force.

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