



HORIZON 2020
MSCA-RISE-2014 Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

“Sapienza” University of Rome – FO.CU.S Research Center

Early Stage Researcher (ESR) position recruitment,
‘Call for interest’ within the Research Project:

Multidisciplinary Approach to Plan Smart Specialization Strategies
for Local Economic Development (MAPS-LED)

Grant Agreement Number: 645651

Cooperation Type: ‘Call for interest’ for the cooperation to the MAPS-LED Research Project; fixed-term for a ‘secondment’ period abroad of 6 months in 2016. Possibility of extension of the cooperation for the second part of the Research Project (and related 6 months ‘secondment’) in 2017.

University: “Sapienza” University of Rome (Italy), FOCUS Research Center (Centro di Ricerca, Formazione, Cultura, Storia – FO.CU.S)

Payment: € 2000 (before tax) per month, due to cover the international exchange scheme to the Third Country (USA).

Deadline for submission: November 12th 2015

The FO.CU.S Research Center, “Sapienza” University of Rome, wishes to appoint **four (4) Early Stage Researchers (ESR)** to conduct significant research activities finalized to examine how Smart Specialization Strategies (S3) can be implemented to regenerate local economic areas, according to the new agenda of Europe 2020. The exploration is oriented to the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Research Project ‘*Multidisciplinary Approach to Plan Smart Specialization Strategies for Local Economic Development*’ (MAPS-LED).

The Early Stage Researchers will join a MSCA-RISE project, entitled *Multidisciplinary Approach to Plan Smart Specialization Strategies for Local Economic Development* (MAPS-LED). The coordinator of the network is the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, PAU Department, Italy.

The research will be conducted in the FO.CU.S Center, “Sapienza” University of Rome (Italy), partner of the MAPS-LED Project, with opportunities of collaborative work with the European partners [the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria (Italy), the University of Salford (UK), the Aalto University of Helsinki (Finland)] and with the opportunity to conduct and develop parts of the research in the USA partners venues, i.e. the Northeastern University of Boston (MA) and the San Diego State University (CA).

The candidates are expected to have basic knowledge and background in the analysis and critical evaluation of relevant urban and regional regeneration policies related to the new Agenda of Europe 2020, particularly through the Smart Specialization Strategies (S3) in Italy and other OECD countries. Furthermore, the candidates are requested to be confident with writing reports according to the scientific methods of comparative case-studies approach.

Excellent fluency in oral and written English language is required; a suitable qualification will be required by the FOCUS Research Center Scientific Commission.

In accordance with EU, Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (MSCA-RISE)

terms, applicants can check their eligibility for the "Early Stage Researcher" position in the EU official documents. According to the *Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme*, here you find the definition of Early Stage Researcher (ESR): "*Early stage researcher: means a researcher in the first 4 years (fulltime equivalent) of their research careers, including the period of research training, starting at the date of obtaining the degree which would formally entitle him/her to embark on a doctorate either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the mobility activities are provided, irrespective whether or not a doctorate is envisaged*". As for this specific "Call for interest" of the FO.CU.S Research Center, the candidates must have in addition the position of PhD students attending their doctorate studies in 'Sapienza' University of Rome.

Benefits of the position of ESR in this MSCA-RISE research project include the amount of € 2000 (two thousand Euros) before tax per month spent in the 'Third Countries'; this contribution is intended to cover, or contribute to, the mobility costs (travel and living) during the 'secondment' period in USA host organizations [Northeastern University of Boston (MA) and San Diego State University (CA)].

Within the entire duration of this MSCA-RISE project, in 2016 every Early Stage Researcher must spend 6 (six) months in one of USA host organizations - Northeastern University of Boston (MA) - working on the development of the research programme and cooperating to the delivery of all the scientific reports and connected activities, and attending to the training activities, organized by the USA host University, as well (Grant Agreement).

At the end of this part of the research Project, the FOCUS Research Center Commission can allow the cooperation extension in the second part of the research project for a period of 6 months abroad in the other USA host organization - San Diego State University (CA) - within 2017 (Grant Agreement). The possible extension is conditional on the full attendance at training activities and on the positive assessment of all the required scientific evaluation reports to be produced by every selected Early Stage Researcher in the first part of the research project.

The FOCUS Coordinator of the MAPS-LED project reserves the right to terminate the collaboration with the selected candidates in case the quality of specific or the entire work produced by him/her does not respect the requested scientific and operative level and/or does not contribute to the achievement of the planned results.

The indicative secondment scheme is in the attached document "Grant Agreement".

The evaluation results will be published on Focus Research Center, "Sapienza" University of Rome, PDTA Dept website.

How To Apply

PLEASE NOTE you must submit the attached application form together with your European CV and a short abstract with your contribution proposal to the MAPS-LED Research Project by email to claudia.mattogno@uniroma1.it & bruno.monardo@uniroma1.it not later than the deadline (see on the top of the first page).

Documents to be downloaded:

- [Application form ESR](#)
- [Grant Agreement](#)

Rome, October 30th 2015

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