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SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ONE FELLOWSHIP POSITION (ASSEGNO DI RICERCA) FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH ACTIVITY - CATEGORY B, TYPE II, ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE SSD MED/50

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THE DIRECTOR

CONSIDERING Law 9 May 1989 n. 168;

CONSIDERING Law 30 December 2010 n. 240, and in particular art. 22;

CONSIDERING Sapienza University Statute issued with Rector Decree (D.R.) 29 October 2012 n. 3689;

CONSIDERING the guidelines for the assignment of fellowships for conducting research activity at Sapienza University, issued with Rector Decree (D.R.) 7 June 2019 n. 1776/2019;

CONSIDERING the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 9 March 2011 n. 102, concerning the definition of the minimum amount of research grants posted according to Law n. 240/2010, which has been set at EUR 19.367,00, net of expenses in charge of Sapienza University;

CONSIDERING the Resolutions of Academic Senate, issued on 12 April 2011, and Board of Directors, issued on 19 April 2011;

CONSIDERING the Resolution of the Board of the Department of Molecular Medicine, issued on 4 February 2020, which approved the activation of an annual fellowship position for the SSD MED/50, category B, type II, at the Department of Molecular Medicine, within the research project entitled "A neurosplenic pathway coupling Immunity and Hypertension – SymPAthY" granted by the European Commission G.A. 759921;

CONSIDERING the financial coverage deriving from the assignment of the research grant SymPAthY – G.A. 759921, PI Prof. Daniela Carnevale;

VERIFIED the administrative and accounting regularity, by the Administrative Manager (R.A.D.) of the Department of Molecular Medicine;

ANNOUNCES

Art. 1

Research Project

This is an announcement of a public selection procedure, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of n. 1 (one) one-year fellowship position (Assegno di Ricerca)



Category B, type II, for conducting research activity within the Academic Discipline of MED/50.

Research project: Investigation of the molecular mechanisms regulating the crosstalk established between cardiovascular and immune systems in hypertension. Required knowledge: vascular biology techniques and analysis of renal damage in experimental models of cardiovascular diseases, within the research project “A neurosplenic pathway coupling Immunity and Hypertension – SymPAthY”, at the Molise Section of the Department of Molecular Medicine of Sapienza University of Rome.

Art. 2

Duration, renewal and amount of the Research Grant

The fellowship position will have a one-year duration and may be renewed with the same subject according to art.22, paragraph 3 of Law 240/2010. Cumulative duration as result of any renewals, however, according to art. 22 paragraph 3 of Law 240/2010 and subsequent modifications, may not be greater than six years, excluding the period in which the grant was received in connection with a PhD programme, not exceeding the legal length of its course.

The amount of the research grant, paid in 12 (twelve) monthly instalments, is set at EUR 26,000.00 (twenty-six-thousand/00) net of expenses in charge of Sapienza University and before taxes due by the research fellow.

Specific dispositions are enforced to research fellowship: on taxation, art. 4 of Law 13 August 1984 n. 476 and further amendments; on social security, art. 2, paragraph 26 and followings of Law 8 August 1995 n. 335 and further amendments; on mandatory maternity leave, regulations of the Decree issued by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Security on 12 July 2007; on illness leave, Law 27 December 2006 n. 296, art. 1, paragraph 788 and further amendments.

The Department grants gender equality and equal opportunities to women and men for the assignment of the fellowships and protects privacy and personal information according to current regulations.

Art. 3

General admission requirements

Possession of a PhD degree (or any equivalent degree issued abroad) in medical biotechnology or related fields is mandatory. Researchers with a more advanced track record having held positions in Universities, Italian or foreign public or private Research Institutes, excluded researchers with permanent positions as per art. 22, comma 1, of Law 240/2010, can apply.

Family members, up to the forth-degree relatives, of a professor at the Department of Molecular Medicine, the Dean of the University, the General Director or a member of the University Board of Directors of Sapienza University of Rome may not apply to the announcement.

Fellowships cannot be conferred to:

- subjects in situation of conflict of interest, even potential, with Sapienza University of Rome;



- subjects convicted, even if sentence did not become final, for one of the violations indicated in art. I title II of the second book of penal code and/or violations for which is foreseen mandatory detention according to art. 380 c.p.p.;
- in any other cases provided for by law

Foreign citizens or educated abroad applicants must be in possession of a qualification recognized as equivalent in accordance with international agreements, in the manner of art. 332 of the Consolidated 31 August 1993 n. 1592. This equivalence will result from appropriate certification issued by the competent authority.

OR Qualifications obtained abroad which have not already been recognized as equivalent, according to current legislation, will be evaluated solely for the purpose of this selection by the Examining Committee; to this purpose, qualifications must be translated, legalized and accompanied by a certified declaration, even in copy, released by competent Italian diplomatic representatives abroad, and attached to the application,.

The admission requirements must be fulfilled on the date of expiry for the submission of applications for admission to this selection.

Art.4

Applications and deadlines

Applications must be written on unstamped paper according to the attached form (Annex A), signed in original copy and **sent by the final deadline of 30 days after the publication date of the announcement, by one of the following:**

- by personal certified e-mail (*Posta Elettronica Certificata – PEC*) to the following address: medmol@cert.uniroma1.it
- (or) by delivery by hand in a sealed envelope addressed to the Department of Molecular Medicine - Viale Regina Elena, 291 – 00161 Rome, Italy, to the Administrative Office of the Department of Molecular Medicine - Viale Regina Elena, 291 – Building B, in the following days and opening hours: from Monday to Friday 9-13, Tuesdays and Thursdays also 15-17.

E-mails/envelopes containing the application must have as subject “selection procedure for research fellowship – selection code”, at the risk of exclusion of the selection procedure.

In case the deadline would be on a Sunday or Italian public holiday, it shall be extended up to the end of the next working day.

In the application form, candidates must indicate **a personal e-mail address** for any further communication, including the interview announcement. Candidates who apply by certified mail - PEC, will receive any communication to the same PEC e-mail address.

Any changes to personal contacts indicated in the application must be promptly notified to the Department of Molecular Medicine.



The Department of Molecular Medicine does not bear any responsibility for failure to notice ascribable to the recipient and difficulty of receiving information due to non-communication, defective or late communication of the e-mail address by the applicants.

In the application form, annex A (*suggested name: surname_application.pdf*) candidates must declare, under their own responsibility, at the risk of exclusion from the selection procedure, as follows:

Nella domanda, allegato A (*nome consigliato: cognome_domanda.pdf*), i concorrenti dovranno dichiarare, sotto la propria responsabilità, pena l'esclusione dalla procedura selettiva:

- Surname and first name;
- Date and place of birth;
- Permanent address;
- Nationality;
- Enjoyment of full rights as a citizen;
- Declaration of having no prior criminal convictions, or declaration of ongoing convictions indicating details of related convictions or proceedings;
- Possession of a scientific and professional curriculum vitae suitable for the development of the research activity;
- Degree with indication of the final mark, the date and the University which issued the title;
- Certificate of equivalence of degrees obtained abroad/Validation declaration of degrees issued abroad which have not already been declared equivalent;
- To hold a PhD degree in, or equivalent, or medical specialization with adequate scientific productivity, or researcher with a more advanced track record having held positions in Universities, Italian or foreign public or private Research Institutes, excluded researchers with permanent positions;
- Any prior research grant position with indication of place and period in which the activity has been carried out, and the title/topic of the research activity;
- Any prior fixed-term tenure position (Assistant Professor), according to Law n. 240, art. 24, dated 30 December 2010, with indication of place and period in which the activity has been carried out;
- Not to be holder of any other fellowship/scholarship grant or to commit to renounce to fellowship/scholarship in case of positive result of this competition;
- To be employee as at (provide the name of the employer, the type of contract and specify if it is a public or a private institution);
- Not to be a family member or spouse, up to the forth-degree relatives, with a professor at the Department of Molecular Medicine, the Dean of the University, the General Director or a member of the University Board of Directors of the Sapienza University of Rome;
- Not to have been dismissed or retired from the Public Administration for persistent poor performance, and not to have been revoked by another state employment, according to consolidated text on civil servants, D.P.R. n.3, art. 127, paragraph 1, letter d) dated 10 January 1957;
- e-mail address to which communications related to the competition must be sent to.



Applicants with disabilities, according to Italian Law n. 104 dated 5 February 1992, must explicitly request the support needed to be able to perform the interview.

A self-declaration of enrollment in a PhD programme with no scholarship (if applicable) and/or to have carried out a former research activity as research fellow - Assegnista di Ricerca (see Annex B, if applicable. Suggested denomination: *surname_B.pdf*), a copy of a valid ID and documents listed in the following art. 5 of this announcement must be enclosed to the application form.

Art. 5

Qualifications and Resume – CV

The following qualifications (in .pdf version) must be enclosed to the application form, according to Annex C (Suggested denomination: *surname_C_degree, PhD, etc.pdf*):

- Self-declaration of Degree according to art.46 of D.P.R. n.445 dated 28 December 2000, with indication of the final mark, the date and the University which issued the title;
- Self-declaration of PhD degree or equivalent title obtained abroad or medical specialization with adequate scientific productivity (if applicable);
- Self-declaration, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) n. 445, art. 46 and 47, dated 28 December 2000 of any further titles/qualifications eligible to apply to this selection procedure (such as Post-graduate diploma, Certificates of attendance to post-graduate courses within Italy or abroad, visiting periods abroad, scholarships, research collaborations within Italy or abroad, graduate or PhD thesis and any other qualifications);
- Dated and signed academic and scientific resume (CV) (Suggested denomination: *surname_CV.pdf*);
- List of scientific publications (**Annex D**);
- Copy of a valid ID.

According to Law n. 183, art. 15, paragraph 1, dated 12 November 2011, Public Administrations cannot anymore require nor accept acts or certifications containing information already in their possession. Therefore, only self-certifications and sworn statements as in D.P.R. 445/2000, art. 46 and 47, will be declared valid.

With reference to publications eligible for the selection procedure, candidates must enclose an additional self-declaration or sworn statement of the above-mentioned publications to declare them as conforming to the original, according to D.P.R. 445/2000, art. 47.

Qualifications written in a foreign language must be translated in Italian and then officially legalized by competent authorities. Translation of publications and qualifications written in English is not required.

Foreign citizens with permanent address in Italy can use self-declarations, limited to cases in which declaration regards states, facts and personal qualifications which can be certified or attested by Italian public or private subjects.

Foreign citizens without permanent address in Italy may not, in any case, use the self-declaration/sworn statement.



Art. 6

Selection procedure

The Examining Committee will determine preliminary evaluation criteria and parameters, which will gather for a total of 100 points, assigned on the basis of the following items:

- PhD
- Final mark of graduation;
- Scientific publications and other research products;
- Post-graduate diploma, certificates of attendance to post-graduate courses;
- Any further eligible qualifications such as fellowships, research collaborations and research assignments in national or international research institutes. For such qualifications, dates and duration must be duly certified;
- Interview.

Results of preliminary evaluation will be published to the notice board of the Department of Molecular Medicine and on the Department website, before the interview.

Art. 7

Interview

The interview consists in an examination during which the Examining Committee verifies the ability of candidate to focus on the matter of the research fellowship to be assigned and, in particular, on the analysis of vascular function and structure in cardiovascular models of disease.

Notification of the interview will be given to individual candidates using the e-mail address provided in the application at least 20 (twenty) days before, unless written renunciation. The Administration is not responsible for any subsequent change of email address or incorrect email address entered in the application.

The interview can be performed by electronic means, on the basis of a motivated request by the candidate, provided that the interview is public.

The interview will be held in a room open to the public. After each interview, the Committee will issue the score each candidate obtained.

Art. 8

Examining Committee

After the deadline of this announcement, the Examining Committee will be appointed by the Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine, upon resolution of the Board of the Professors of the same Department or - in case of urgency - the Joint Committee of the same Department.

The Examining Committee consists of three members: one Full Professor appointed as President and two other members chosen among Professors and Assistant Professors (both with permanent or fixed-term contract) of the Sapienza University of Rome and accredited research institutes. One of the members of the Committee will also serve as secretary who will write the minutes of the Committee meetings. Members of the Committee shall belong to the same Academic Recruitment Field or Academic Disciplines of the announcement.



The Committee's judgement is unappealable on the matter.

Art. 9

Ranking

In the first preliminary meeting, the Examining Committee will record in writing the criteria and parameters to be adopted for the evaluation of both qualifications and interview.

The Committee will provide a merit ranking in descending order, summing the score of qualifications, publications and interview.

The Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine will approve, by its disposition and after administrative verification of the selection procedure regularity, the merit ranking which will be published to the notice board of the Department and on Sapienza University website. A notice will also be e-mailed to the winner/s of the selection, in order to agree on a starting date of the fellowship, which must take place by the deadline of 30 days from the date of receipt of the above-mentioned e-mail. In case the winner of the selection should renounce the fellowship position before its start, through official written communication, the fellowship will be assigned to the second in the merit ranking.

Those who do not accept the fellowship position within the deadline or do not report for duty by the due date, will lose the position. The only justified motivations of delays in the starting date of fellowship may be: health reasons duly certified, mandatory maternity leave, duly proven force majeure causes.

Art. 10

Formalization of the fellowship

The research fellowship is granted through a private-law labour contract, which does not establish any employment-based relationship or provide any preferred access to academic career.

The contractor shall mandatory submit to the Department of Molecular Medicine, within 7 days from the date of awarding of the fellowship, a self-declaration, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) n. 445, art. 46 dated 28 December 2000, which includes:

- a) Date and place of birth;
- b) Nationality;
- c) Full rights as citizen;
- d) No criminal convictions nor ongoing criminal proceedings.

The contractor must also indicate that letters b) and c) were fulfilled by the deadline for the submission of applications indicated in this announcement.

The contractor will submit a sworn statement which testifies the truthfulness of the submitted qualifications. In the absence of this statement, the winner/s will submit these qualifications in original, stamp duty will be on his/her charge.

The Administration will perform suitable checks on the truthfulness and authenticity of submitted declarations. In case of misleading declarations, dispositions of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) n. 445, art. 75 and art. 76, dated 28 December 2000 will be applied.

According to Legislative Decree (D. Lgs.) n. 33, art. 15, dated 14 March 2013, winner/s must submit to the Department of Molecular Medicine: a) a resume/CV version for the only "purpose of the publication", written in accordance to the Italian Code for the protection of personal data and Legislative Decree (D. Lgs.) n. 33, art. 26, dated 14 March 2013; b)



information related to previous assignments at private institutions managed or granted by the Public Administration and to self-employment.

Submission of documents indicated at letters a) and b) is mandatory for the formalization of the contract and the clearance of due payments.

With the formalization of the fellowship assignment, the Director of the Department of Molecular Medicine informs the research fellow of the Research Project Manager who supervise his/her activity.

Winner/s will also comply with the Sapienza University guidelines for the assignment of grants for conducting research activities. A copy of the above-mentioned guidelines will be available for the research fellow.

Art.11

Duties and Rights

The research fellow must carry out his/her research activity within the topics of the research programs approved by the Department of Molecular Medicine. The research fellow tasks must be related to scientific activities, providing not only technical support. The research fellow may work with undergraduate students as part of their thesis research activity. He/she may attend workshops and training classes for undergraduate students and be member of the Steering Committee for students assessment as "cultore della materia".

The research fellow has the right to use equipment of the Department of Molecular Medicine to carry out his/her research activity, and any service available to conduct research activity in accordance with the dispositions of the Department.

Whenever, if authorized by the Research Project Manager, the research fellow needs to travel for his/her activity, he/she may claim for expenses, according to current regulations.

Once a year, the research fellow must submit a complete written report showing the progress of their research to the Department of Molecular Medicine. A written evaluation on his/her research activity by the Research Project Manager must be enclosed to the report.

A part of the research activity may be carried out jointly in a foreign university or research institute, as long as this is consistent with topic and aim of the research fellowship. The period abroad must be formally authorized in advance by the Department of Molecular Medicine upon motivated request of the Research Project Manager.

Research fellows must be compliant to the behavior code of public employees according to Presidential Decree n.62 dated 16 April 2013 and to the behavior code of Sapienza employees according to D.R. n.1528 dated 27 May 2015. Violation of duties depicted in the behavior code of public employees will be considered as serious breach of contract and will determine the resolution of the fellowship according to art. 1456 cc. and art.2, paragraph 3, of D.P.R. n. 62/2013.

The research fellow must adhere to the protection and security regulations for health professionals currently into force at Sapienza University.

Art.12

Prohibition of cumulation, incompatibility and suspension

Research fellowships may not cumulate with a personal gross annual compensation exceeding EUR 16.000,00, according to TUIR (the Italian Consolidated Text on Income Tax), Chapter IV, Title I, art. 49, paragraph 2.



The research fellowship is not compatible with participation in undergraduate or master's degrees, PhD programmes with scholarship or medical specialization schools, in Italy or abroad. The holder of a research fellowship may attend PhD courses that do not result in payment of scholarships.

Employees of the Italian Public Administration with permanent or fixed-term contract must be granted unpaid leave.

A private-sector employee, albeit with a part-time job, may not be granted with research fellowship.

The research fellowship may not be cumulated with any further research fellowships, even if granted by other public, private, online universities or Institutions mentioned in Law no. 240/2010, art. 22, paragraph 1.

The research fellowship is personal. The holder of a research fellowship may work on self-employed activity, having previously given written notification to the Department of Molecular Medicine and only if the employment activity is declared compatible with the research activity, it does not involve conflicts of interest with the research activity and is not prejudicial to the University itself.

The holder of a research fellowship who intends to carry out free of charge services in voluntary associations or groups, non-profit cultural institutions or non-profit social care organizations may perform them without prejudice to his/her own research activity duties.

The research activity is suspended during mandatory maternity leave, parental leave and illness leave, and it is postponed according to current legislation. A motivated period of absence of less than 30 days in one year does not instigate a suspension.

Art. 13

Termination of the contract

The research fellow who, after having started his planned research activity, will interrupt it without justification, or will not carry it on regularly and continuously for the entire term, or is responsible for serious or repeated misconduct, may have his fellowship revoked, with motivated decision of the Research Project Manager subject to approval by the Board of Professors of the Department of Molecular Medicine.

Termination of the contract can occur for the following reasons:

- unjustified failure or delay in starting the activity;
- unjustified interruption of the activity for a relevant period which could compromise the research project;
- violation of the incompatibility regulations, according to art. 6 of the Guidelines for the assignment of grants for conducting research activities, reiterated after a first formal notice;
- negative assessment issued by the Board of the Professors of the Department of Molecular Medicine or the Administrative and Management Body of the same Department.

Art. 14

Advertising and Final Provisions

This notice of selection will be published at the notice board of the Department of Molecular Medicine and online on the websites of the following authorities: Italian Ministry of



Education, University and Research (MIUR); European Commission; Department of Molecular Medicine; Sapienza University of Rome.

Personal data provided by the candidates will be processed for the purposes of management of this selection notice and for the subsequent assignment of the fellowship.

The interested party enjoys the rights referred to n.679/2016 of European Regulations.

The person responsible for personal data processing is the responsible of this selection procedure.

Where not explicitly indicated in this notice of selection, reference is made to laws and regulations applying in the specific matter.

Art. 15

Authority in charge of the selection procedure

Person responsible of this selection procedure is Dr. Cristina Mancusi – cristina.mancusi@uniroma1.it – administrative office of the Department of Molecular Medicine, Viale Regina Elena, 291- 00161 Roma.

Roma, 24 febbraio 2020

The Director
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