



UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA
THE RECTOR

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI CATANIA Protocollo Generale
18 NOV. 2019
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Rep. Decreti n°, 3562

ACCORDING TO the Statutes of the University of Catania;
ACCORDING TO Italian Law 240, December 30, 2010, under the provisions of the university organization, including the academic staff, the recruitment and the delegation of powers ensuring the provision and the implementation of incentives, quality and efficiency of the university system, as per Art. 18, Par. 5, F);
ACCORDING TO Italian Law 35, April 4, 2012, as to the "Conversion into law" amended and ruled by Decree 5, February 9, 2012, determining "Urgent regulatory provisions as part of a primary effort to streamline and develop the process" as per Art. 49, Par. 1, H), amending Art. 18, Par. 5, F) of the above Law 240/2010;
ACCORDING TO University regulations for the award of research fellowships" as per Rector's Decree 5, January 4, 2016, with further amendments and adjustments approved by the Rector's Order 2699, August 8, 2016;
ACCORDING TO Order 4525, issued by Director General on November 8, 2017, Mr Lucio Mannino, who was appointed to the role of Divisional Research Director, exercise ultimate authority for the adoption of administrative measures involving external administration;
ACCORDING TO Rector's Decrees n. 2961 of October 8, 2019 and n. 3412 of November 5, 2019 conferring prof. Salvatore Baglio, Rector's Delegate for Research, the power to sign the relevant acts and administrative measures involving external administration;
IN CONSIDERATION OF the communication, dating June 7, 2019, Ref. No. 177595, with which the Sole Director of ECLAT s.r.l., communicated the will to grant a liberal contribution for a total amount of € 104,000.00 finalized to the activation of n. 4 annual research grants, in the field of the activities conducted by the CoHEAR;
HAVING REGARD to the extract of the deliberation of the Clinical and Experimental Medicine Department Council (MEDCLIN), p. 5, June 19, 2019, Ref. No. 190661 (transmitted Ref. No. 190669, June 21, 2019), in which a favourable opinion on the granting of the above-mentioned contribution was given;
HAVING REGARD to the communication of July 10, 2019, Ref. No. 219577, which the Dean has announced the acceptance by the University of the above-mentioned liberal contribution;
IN CONSIDERATION OF the application – Ref. No. 207611, July 4 2019, with which Prof. Riccardo Polosa has asked to submit to the next Council of Department the proposal of activation of n. 4 annual research grants in the framework of activities conducted by the CoEHAR;
IN CONSIDERATION OF the extract of the deliberation of the Clinical and Experimental Medicine Department Council (MEDCLIN), p. 9, July 10, 2019, with which the aforementioned request of Prof. Riccardo Polosa was approved;
IN CONSIDERATION OF the application of August 08, 2019, Ref. No. 248004, submitted by Prof. Riccardo Polosa requesting that four fellowship, of which no. 2 reserved for graduates from low and middle income countries, according to the official list 2019 of the World Bank Group, based on qualification requirements, over a period of 12 months each and for a gross amount of € 26,000.00 each, to be allocated for a research activity performing "Living Systematic Reviews: application of an innovative method of systematic review to research on the reduction of damage from smoking, with particular reference to cardiovascular, respiratory and weight management effects", on a topic subject related to "Living Systematic Reviews: application of an innovative method of systematic review to research on the reduction of damage from smoking, with particular reference to cardiovascular, respiratory and weight management effects", financed by the aforementioned free contribution;
ENSURED that all costs shall be covered by means of a provisional commitment Ref. No. 57249/1, July 30, 2019, cod. 6C821201020/2019, cap.18020490.

DECREES

1. A selection procedure is open for the award of 4 Research Fellowships of which no. 2 reserved for graduates from low and middle income countries, according to the official list 2019 of the World Bank Group, in accordance with Art. 18, Par. 5 of Italian Law 240/2010, in line with University Rules and Regulations for the awarding of research fellowships.
2. The research project, the research topic subject and the structure whereby the fellowship and related research activities will be carried out are specified in the announcement.
3. The total amount for research fellowships including insurance coverage, shall be allocated on the basis of a financial commitment specified in the introduction.

Place and date

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Francesco Priolo)
IL DELEGATO ALLA RICERCA
Prof. Salvatore Baglio

PUBLIC SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 4 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine (MEDCLIN)

ART. 1

A public selection procedure is open for the award of:

n. 4 Research Fellowships based on qualifications requirements at the University of Catania, for the following topic subject: "Systematic Reviews: application of an innovative method of systematic review to research on the reduction of damage from smoking, with particular reference to cardiovascular, respiratory and weight management effects" of which no. 2 reserved for graduates from low and middle income countries, according to the official list 2019 of the World Bank Group;

Research Programme:

Living Systematic Reviews: application of an innovative method of systematic review to research on the reduction of damage from smoking, with particular reference to cardiovascular, respiratory and weight management effects";

Research Activity:

"One of the challenges of the research in the field of harm reduction from smoking is that many studies are misled by inadequate design, selective relationships and other critical flaws. Furthermore, the acceleration of the rate of publication in the field means that any systematic revision becomes rapidly obsolete. This project aims to produce systematic reviews critically interpreted and reports in plain language on high quality studies, to provide information on health effects resulting from the use of alternative low-risk products as substitutes for conventional cigarettes, in particular as regards the cardiovascular and respiratory effects and weight management, using a method of regular surveillance of the literature and annual updates of systematic reviews. This innovative method, called Living Systematic Review, will provide governors, healthcare workers and consumers with reliable and up-to-date data to inform their decisions on policies and practices for reducing harm from smoking";

Duration: 12 months (twelve) each;

Amount: € 26,000.00 (twenty-six thousand euro / 00) gross, each, including charges to the Administration;

Location: Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine - CoEHAR Research Center;

Scientific Director: Prof. Riccardo Polosa.

ART. 2

The selection procedure is open to candidates who meet the following criteria and requirements before and within the application deadline:

Master's degree in Medicine and Surgery, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Biotechnological Sciences, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biochemistry, or any other equivalent qualifications.

The following skills and experience shall be evaluated in relation to the profile needed and the research programme requirements:

1. Experience in bibliographic research on Pubmed and/or other biomedical databases;
2. Research and hands-on experience in the field of smoking and harm reduction from smoking;
3. Scientific publications in international journals;
4. Good knowledge of English language.

ART. 3

Applications are open to everyone with no bias in regard to nationality.

All applications shall be addressed, undersigned and submitted by all candidates on unstamped paper, as per Annex. 1) and must be addressed to Magnifico Rettore c/o Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale (MEDCLIN) - Catania.

The application and the enclosed documentation must be received within twenty days from the publication date of Announcement, available on Albo on-line section of the University website.



Applicants are strictly required to send the application and its enclosures by:

- registered mail with return receipt (the date on the postmark standing in as proof of delivery);
- hand-delivered envelope at the Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale - Via S. Sofia n. 89 — 95123 - Catania, Responsabile del Servizio Amministrativo e del Personale: Rosaria Fichera - Telephone: 095-4781451, from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 13.00.

The delivery date is acknowledged by the recipient organization and thereby a reference number shall be given to it.

In the envelope, duly closed, candidates shall give their personal details and the following statement must be made: "Bando N°. ... 2019 - Borsa di Ricerca".

Applications by any other means will not be accepted and must be submitted no later than the date of the deadline. In the event of untraceable applications being lost in the process, the Administration will not be held responsible for them.

Should the Administration fail to communicate with applicants due to wrong address provided by them or any change of address belatedly notified, the Administration will not be held responsible for it. The same applies to postal or telegraphic errors because of third parties, chance or any unforeseeable circumstances.

When applying, candidates are expected to make a formal statement under their own responsibility:

- personal details, date and place of birth, fiscal code, residence, postal address and postcode, telephone number and e-mail address;
- citizenship;
- possession of qualification(s) required for admission, specifying the award date, the degree mark or the GPA, name of home University, or any equivalent institution and/or qualification gained overseas. (Any qualifications gained overseas but not formally converted into the equivalent grading system need to be certified by a Declaration of Value by Italian authorities. Candidates will be expected to justify their reason for applying before being assessed and thereby enclose the grading system used in their home countries to make their own application relevant. In this particular case, the aforementioned Declaration of Value shall be given by the commission for the sole purpose of selection process);
- Additional skills and experience (such as diplomas or post-graduate certificates of attendance, gained in Italy or abroad, any involvement in national/European projects or research activities in public or private institutions carried out by grants, fellowships or bilateral agreements);
- not to be or become subject to any legal prohibitions provided by Art. 4 of this announcement.

Candidates are required to also enclose the following documents to support their application:

- a) curriculum vitae;
- b) a written statement according to Italian DPR 445, December 28, 2000 certifying that holders of relevant qualifications comply with Annex B, alongside any other requirements;
- c) original copies of publications (if required), i.e. made by a photostat with an enclosed statement certifying as being in conformity with the original document (as Annex C) according to Italian D.P.R. 445, December 28, 2000;
- d) overseas qualifications need to be ascertained and certified as being legally acceptable in Italy. Should this recognition not be available yet, the equivalencies shall be determined by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of candidates' admission to selection;
- e) a front and back copy of a valid ID document;
- f) a list of documents and materials submitted therein shall be made on a separate sheet with date and signature.

Candidates shall be granted provisional admission to selection as the Administration reserves the right to carry out sample checks to ascertain the full validity of all the information and certifications presented herein.

ART. 4

Research fellowships cannot be awarded in addition to any other ongoing bursaries, unless they are awarded by national or international bodies for a research activity to be carried out overseas.

Research fellowships cannot be awarded in addition to any other ongoing salaries or paid activities.

Under no circumstances can the assignee receive by University funding any other financial contribution in addition to the amount of the fellowship allocated and/or any external subsidies provided for this announcement.

The fellowship holder is required to declare, under his/her own responsibility, the non-existence of any other financial involvement or commitment and pledge to promptly report any different circumstance or change of circumstances.

ART. 5

The deadline for submissions must be met as required and members of the Examination Board along with the involvement of a designated council for the research unit and the teaching activity shall be chosen by the Director thereafter. The Examination Board is comprised of three academics, one of whom possibly chosen by a financier.

The Examination Boards schedule and timetable shall be set by appointment and particularly by date and place for interviews (if required by the job announcement). The selection procedure is based on the assessment of all qualifications submitted by each candidate including their curricula, using a predefined scoring system. The assessment criteria are preliminarily set by the Examination Board, using 100 as a grading system. Assessment results shall be released online on the "Albo" section with respective scoring in descending order based to an overall score earned by each candidate. Should there be an equal merit among candidates, the one with a PhD prevails, i.e. in the medical context the area of specialty counts as long as a specific requirement is not expressly mentioned; in case of ongoing state of parity, the younger candidate shall prevail.

At the end of the selection process, the Examination Board will provide the relevant office with a documentation package including the minutes taken and an explanatory report on those applicants who were instead rejected in the process. The Examination Board is expected to finish the job within 30 days from formal notice to assignee. The list is released by the rector's decree and published on the website section concerned, the University's "Albo". This form of information is deemed an official notification, for all purposes, so that no further communication to candidates will be needed.

ART. 6

Winning fellows shall be duly as well as formally informed by the Administration. Forfeiture of the entitlement to the fellowship for dropouts and for those who do not accept to carry out the research activity within the prescribed time of 10 working days from formal notice. In case of express waiver or nonacceptance, the Administration shall be advised by the Scientific Director in charge as to whom, in the merit list, the fellowship is supposed to be given.

The fellowship holder is required to carry out the research activity regularly and uninterruptedly, save a temporary suspension supported by proof of reason for the Scientific Director to take into account and possibly accept, failing that, fellowship holders shall be held responsible for serious or repeated failures.

Fellowship holders who do not show adequate aptitude for research are subject to be dismissed by the Rector on well-founded reasons, after hearing the Scientific Director and the incumbent fellow.

Fellowship holders have the duty to give notice in case of non-fulfilment of required formalities and conditions.

ART. 7

On behalf of fellowship holders, according to Art. 18, Par. 5, F) of Italian Law 240/2010, the University will cover the costs of civil liability insurance deriving from bodily injury or property damage caused by fellowship holders to a third party and for any other injury deriving from research activities that were performed across University facilities where incumbent fellows are formally authorised to work. The aforementioned insurance coverage shall be provided by competent body and authority.



ART. 8

The start date and the research methods are established by the Scientific Director, in agreement with the Facility Manager. The Scientific Director is also required by law to send due notice to relevant offices and authorities within 15 days from research grant being awarded.

Fellowship holders have both the right to access the relevant university facility and the duty to pay close attention to safety standards and procedures.

The amount of the research grant is paid in equal monthly installments.

Either at the end of the fellowship or in the course of it, fellows may be invited to present accurate reports on the research activity performed.

The University is the exclusive owner of research results as required by its agreements, unless a different ownership is specified in the contract.

The contract confers the right to make use of the fellowship, but it does not establish an employment relationship, nor does it give rise to any social security treatments.

ART. 9

Candidates are expected to collect, at their own expense, the qualifications and the documentation presented herein within three months after the publication of the merit list. From that point on, the University cannot be held in any way responsible for the safe custody of their documents.

ART. 10

According to Art. 11 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 ("Legislative code regarding data protection"), personal data are processed for the sole purpose of this announcement. Providing personal data is mandatory for the assessment of formal requirements, at risk of not being eligible for selection. Interested parties may, at any time, exercise the rights provided by Art. 7 of the above Legislative Decree, including the right to access personal data as well as the right to have incorrect, incomplete or collected data rectified, updated, completed or deleted in accordance to the law.

ART. 11

Any further issue not covered by this announcement is remitted to the current legislation ruling the terms and conditions for research grant awards, as specified in the introduction.

According to the Law 241/1990, along with any further amends, modifications or additions, the Officer in charge of the selection procedure for this announcement is Mrs. Rosalba Bartilotti Research Office - Research Grants, Via Fragalà n. 10, Catania, tel. 095-4787433 e-mail r.bartilotti@unict.it, supported by the Chief of the Administrative Services and Personnel Mrs Rosaria Fichera at the Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale (MEDCLIN) - Via S. Sofia n. 89 — 95123 – Catania - Telephone: 095-4781451, rfichera@unict.it, medclin.amm@unict.it.

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