Project HEaD “Higher education and development” Operazione 2
Translation of the “Call for project” for companies (Directorial Decree 308/2017 dated 31.05.2017)

The Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA) by implementing the project HEaD “Higher education and development”, Operazione 2 – financed by POR FSE 2014-2020 Asse 3 Programma specifico n. 25 (Decree of the autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia n. 282/LAVROU dated 01.02.2016) – aims at:

a) strengthening the scientific system of Friuli Venezia Giulia and its attractiveness, even at an international level;
b) promoting the relationships between the university and research system and the economic, productive and social network
c) strengthening the research and innovation demand by the economic system and the strengthening of the processes of technology transfer and innovation dissemination in order to achieve objectives of competitiveness;
d) contributing to the employment of candidates, placing them from the earliest stages of their academic training in projects of scientific value
e) supporting training in research and knowledge transfer to the economic, productive and social network

1. Purposes and objectives

The HEaD public announcement is aimed at selecting one research project submitted by companies that shall be carried out through the support of a research fellow (art. 22 of law 240/2010).

The duration of the fellowship is detailed in Annex 1 - Details.

The project shall be pursuant to the smart specialisation strategy area (S3) of Friuli Venezia Giulia and their development trajectories and to any other requirement listed in Annex 1 - Details.

Full details about the project activity developed by the research fellow are listed in Annex 1 - Details.

2. Application and selection procedure

The application procedure consists of two stages, both carried out by public announcements, one for the companies and one for the beneficiary (research fellow).

Stage one

Companies possessing the requisites set out in art. 3 may apply and submit the project proposals that shall be carried out by a research fellow.
SISSA shall check the proposals received according to the criteria set out in Annex 1 - Details through an Examining Board, publish the results of the selection procedure on the official bulletin and send the relevant communication to the companies concerned.

Stage two

Following the signature of the agreement governing the relations between the selected company and SISSA (Annex 2 - Document of Understanding), SISSA shall:

- Publish the public announcement for the research fellowship, according to its regulations governing the matter;
- Evaluate the application through an Examining Boards according to the requisites and their relevance to the project proposal.

SISSA shall publish the evaluation results on its official bulletin, shall send the relevant communications and shall sign the contract with the research fellow.

3. Companies requisites

The selection procedure can be accessed by companies which

- have their legal or operational headquarters in Friuli Venezia Giulia
- are in possession of the subjective requisites foreseen for the award of public work, supplies and services contracts and are not excluded from applying according to art. 80 Legislative Decree 50/2016 and following amendments.

The selected company shall grant to the research fellow access to the facilities and instruments needed for the research project and a tutoring service carried out by its own employees. SISSA shall remain responsible for coordinating and supervising the research activity through its research or teaching staff.

4. Application and deadlines

Companies shall submit their application completing and sending the form attached to the announcement (Annex 3 - Proposal submission) by 12.00 (midday) of 3rd July 2017 as set out in Annex 1 - Details.

Each company shall not submit projects already selected by the Università degli Studi di Trieste or by the Università degli Studi di Udine and for which any of these universities have already selected the research fellow who shall carry out the research activities in the framework of the joint Call for project published on 25 November 2016.

The form shall be signed by the company legal representative and shall be accompanied by an expression of interest to realize the research project by the researcher/professor set out in Annex 1 – Details (who shall act as supervisor of the research fellow).

All the details submitted for the selection procedure shall be used by SISSA exclusively for the requirements of this announcement.

All communication and information exchange relevant to this selection procedure shall be made in writing by PEC or E-mail or registered letter.
5. Evaluation procedure and criteria

All applications received shall be checked in order to verify the possession of the requisites set out in art. 3 and that the application has been received within the deadline set out in the announcement. Applications that shall be excluded shall receive a formal communication of exclusion.

In order to proceed with the evaluation SISSA shall appoint an Examining Board according to the provisions of art. 2. The appointment of Examining Board shall be made after the deadline for the submission of applications.

Applications shall be evaluated by the Examining board according to the criteria set out in Annex 1 - Details. The Examining Board can award a maximum of 100 points (100/100). Research projects which obtains the total minimum score of 70/100 shall be considered eligible, following the classification list, until the available budget is used up.

Projects not pursuant to the smart specialization strategy areas (S3) of Friuli Venezia Giulia and their development trajectories indicated in the application form shall be excluded from the evaluation procedure.

At the end of the evaluation procedure the list of the application retained for funding and those eligible shall be published in SISSA official bulletin.

6. Privacy and confidentiality

All data and information submitted by the companies shall be processed according to Legislative Decree 196/2003 exclusively for the purposes of the announcement. The data shall be submitted to the autonomous region Friuli Venezia Giulia for purposes relevant to management and financial reporting of the project HEaD and shall not be disclosed. All information and any documents submitted by the companies shall be considered as confidential information.

Each party shall not use the confidential information of the other party for purposes other than those of the announcement. Each party shall not disclose confidential information to third parties.

7. Intellectual property

Any results of the research activity that may give rise to patenting and/or intellectual property protection developed by the research fellow shall belong to SISSA, possibly in co-ownership with the company provided that it has effectively contributed to the development of the innovative solution with the inventive contribution of its own employees.