

SISSA Mathematical Fellowships

INTRODUCTION

SISSA Mathematical Fellowships aim at supporting a prestigious postdoc research programme co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) to recruit and support the most talented young researchers with a promising CV who demonstrate to be autonomous in research. The winners, recruited through a public selection procedure based on qualifications, will be granted total independence in choosing the main focus of their research and in managing their project during the three-year-contract in SISSA.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A public selection procedure based on qualifications is announced to assign no. 2 research fellowships in accordance with art. 22 of Law 240 dated 30.12.2010, in all research fields of Mathematics (any Academic Recruitment Field of Area 1 - Mathematics and Informatics -) to young researchers with a promising CV and who prove to carry out research autonomously. The PhD degree is not requested when the candidate applies but must be possessed before the start of the position.

The annual gross amount of the research fellowship is € 36.636,00. The post-doc will also be granted research funds to be used autonomously for research activities (€ 9.000,00 total for the three-year period).

The project is expected to last for 36 months.

Requisites for the admission to the selection procedure are:

- University degree in Mathematics, Physics or other scientific disciplines.
- Proven experience in Mathematical research

The successful candidates will have an office and access to all the School's facilities.

Further information on the research activities of SISSA can be found at the following link:

<http://www.sissa.it/research>

For any other information candidates can contact the Coordinator of the Mathematics Area.

APPLICATIONS

To apply the attached form must be filled in and submitted together with a research project, a description of the scientific interests of the candidate and her/his CV.

Applications must be addressed to SISSA's Director – Via Bonomea, 265 – 34136 Trieste (ITALY) and sent exclusively to the email address: ufficiorisorseumane@sisssa.it. The deadline for application is 23 April 2018 1 pm Italian local time.

In the application the candidate must indicate:

- Personal information: name, date and place of birth, residence, the address where they wish to receive communications regarding their application, their telephone number and e-mail. The School should be promptly informed of any change in these details with a mail sent to ufficiorisorseumane@sisssa.it addressed to the Director of SISSA;
- The title of the research project proposal;
- The University Degree obtained, indicating the date on which it was awarded, the mark obtained and the University which awarded it, the title of the degree thesis and the name of the supervisor;

- the eventual PhD Degree obtained, indicating the date on which it was awarded, the University which awarded it, the title of the PhD dissertation and the name of the supervisor;
- any other academic qualifications obtained;
- the complete list of publications .This list must be prepared in accordance with international formats and must specify all the authors.
- Any other information considered important to apply.

Two reference letters, in .pdf format must be sent within the deadline of 23 April 2018 to the address ufficiorisorseumane@sissa.it . On the application the candidate must specify the name, email address and the referees' affiliation.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Evaluation Committee will evaluate and select the research proposals and to this end external referees could also be part of the committee.

- The criteria, according to standards recognized at an international level, are relevance, significance and quality with reference to:
- Proven research activity
- Education (University degree, PhD degree, other qualifications)

Additional evaluation criteria are:

- Relevance and originality of scientific and technological contents of the proposal and/or innovativeness of methodology.

In case of ex-equo, preference will be given to

- Women
- Youngest candidate

Candidates are subjected to Italian law and to SISSA's regulations as specified in Annex A.

The contribution of funds is subsequent to the signing of the contract which does not give employment status and does not give any right to be employed by universities. In accordance with Legislative Decree no. 30/06/2003, n. 196 the personal data collected for the present proceeding will be processed for the sole purposes connected with and instrumental to the selection procedure and the eventual management of the job contact.

For more information please contact ufficiorisorseumane@sissa.it

Annex A

GENERAL RULES AND REQUISITES

Eligible candidates must be in possession of a scientific-professional CV which enables them to carry out research activity and meet the further requirements specified in the announcement.

Personnel with permanent positions in Italian universities, public research and experimentation institutions, ENEA, ASI or institutions which award scientific degrees equivalent to PhD, in accordance with art. 74, par. 4 of DPR 382 dated 11.07.80, are excluded from applying.

In accordance with art. 18 of law 240/10 candidates having a family relationship or other degree of kinship up to the 4th degree with the following persons are also excluded from applying:

- SISSA Professors belonging to the Area that requested the position;
- Director of SISSA;
- Secretary General of SISSA;
- Member of the Board of Directors of SISSA (please see Annex B).

The research fellowship is awarded through a private law contract which does not give any right to be employed by universities.

FISCAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY TREATMENT, INSURANCE COVERAGE

The amount of the research fellowship is gross per year and includes contributions to be paid by the researcher. The fellowship is paid monthly in arrears. The fiscal and social security treatment of the research fellowship is in accordance with art. 4 of Italian law n. 476 dated 13.08.84 and subsequent integrations and modifications, and par. 26 and followings of art. 2, Italian law n. 335 dated 08.08.95 and subsequent integrations and modifications.

The School arranges for insurance coverage for the fellowship holders against accidents in the workplace and for third party liability while carrying out their research work. The insurance premium is deducted from the fellowship.

INCOMPATIBILITIES

The fellowships cannot be held contemporarily with other fellowships of whatever kind, except those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions with the aim of integrating the research activity of the candidate through a period spent abroad.

Provided that they fulfil their research obligations, the fellowship holders are authorized to carry out professional activity as long as the activity is compatible with the research position, does not represent a conflict of interest and is not prejudicial to the School. Fellowship holders willing to carry out external activity in a continuous way shall present a specific request, which will be evaluated by the relevant Area Council and successively submitted to the Academic Senate of the School for approval.

If compatible with their research duties, and following written approval by the scientist responsible for the research project, fellowship holders can participate in research assignments commissioned to SISSA by third parties (in accordance with art. 66 of the Italian D.P.R. 382/80) and benefit from the financial proceeds deriving from such activities, in accordance with the current regulations.

Fellowship holders cannot be enrolled in University Degree courses, PhD courses with scholarship or medical school of specialization in Italy or abroad.

Government employees must be given unpaid leave for the period of the fellowship.

FURTHER GENERAL RULES

The evaluation of the research project and of the qualifications, subject to the preceding choice of the criteria, shall be carried out by the examining board according to the following table:

Qualification	Evaluation criteria	Score
Research project	Relevance, pertinence, quality	max 40 marks
PhD	Relevance to the project	max 6 marks
University Degree	Type of degree listed in the announcement - according to the degree mark	max 4 marks
Published works and other research products	Relevance to the scientific disciplinary sector of the research project	max 30 marks
Other post-lauream Degrees	Relevance to the scientific disciplinary sector	max 0 marks
Other qualifications	Eventual contracts, scholarships, enrollment in PhD degrees, periods spent abroad, reference letters etc.,	max 20 marks
TOTAL		max 100 marks

A candidate is declared eligible after receiving an evaluation of minimum 70/100.

All procedures regarding the evaluation of candidates can be carried out telematically by the Evaluation Committee.

The Committee will then write a final report which will include the criteria adopted, the total score of each candidate and a merit ranking.

The merit ranking is approved by means of the Director's decree.

In order to verify the equivalence of one's title with respect to those required in the aforementioned attachment 1, reference should be made to the equivalences that can be consulted on MIUR's website (<http://hummiur.pubblica.istruzione.it/web/universita/equipollenze-titoli>).

Foreign academic qualifications should be officially recognized equivalent to an Italian degree pursuant to the Laws currently in force.

In case the foreign degree, does not have such official equivalence, the evaluation committee will assess its equivalence only for the purposes of this procedure.

The candidate with the highest score will be invited to stipulate with SISSA a contract in accordance with art. 22 of law 240/2010.

The merit ranking applies only to the present procedure and cannot be used in other evaluation procedures. Within the 30 days following the beginning of the research activity, Italian citizens, EU citizens or non-EU citizens residing in Italy will be invited to fill in, prior to identification with a valid id document, to fill in the following:

1. Self- certification regarding birth, citizenship, residence and Italian fiscal code;
2. Self-certification regarding the University degree and obtainment of the PhD degree.

Non-EU foreign citizens in possession of a valid residence permit, can self-certify the above only in presence of specific international agreements between their country and Italy.

Non-EU citizens regularly sojourning in Italy may submit a self-certification according to articles 46 and 47 of the D.P.R. 445/2000 exclusively for personal qualities and events which can be certified and attested by public Italian authorities.

In all other cases, the details listed in points 1), 2) of this article must be documented with a self-certification submitted within 30 days from the beginning of the research activity at SISSA. Moreover within 60 days from the beginning of their research activity winners have to submit the requested certificates, degrees issued by the foreign competent authorities with a translation in Italian authenticated by the Italian Consulate abroad. The School reserves the right to verify all self-certifications submitted.

In case of non-acceptance of the position or failure to submit the requested documents, the research fellowship can be awarded to the following candidate in the merit ranking, prior authorization of the Director after the explicit request of the referent of the position or Area coordinator.

The starting date of the contract will be decided by the Area coordinator or by the referent of the research position.

The fellowship holders undertake to carry out the research activity as foreseen in the contract and in accordance with the research program of the Area.

The research activity is carried out in the frame of the research project for which the applicant has been selected. Every year the fellowship holders must present a report on the activity carried out in the previous year to the Area Council. In major case of non-compliance the contract can be terminated, by decision of the School Senate and on proposal of the Area Council, heard the counterpart.

The contract is automatically resolved in the following cases:

- lack or unjustified delay in the starting of the research activity;
- unjustified suspension of the activity for more than 15 days;
- breach of the incompatibilities established by the current Rules for the awarding of research fellowship in SISSA;
- negative evaluation of the research activity expressed by the Area Council.

An authorized absence of up to 30 days a year does not require the fellowship to be suspended or the absence to be recuperated at a later date.

At least 30 days' notice must be given by the fellowship holders in case of resignation, in which case no penalty shall be applied by SISSA. Failure to do so shall result in a penalty involving the recovery or the failure to pay the salary for the period of notice not given. The 30 days' notice shall not be applied during the first 30 days of research activity.

SISSA shall reserve the right to terminate the contract if the external funding becomes unavailable. In this case SISSA shall give the fellowship holder at least 60 days' notice. Failure to do so shall result in the payment to the research fellowship holder of an amount equal to the period of notice not given.

The total duration of the research fellowship including the renewals must not exceed 6 years with the same researcher. To this end, the time in which the candidate was holder of a research fellowship and enrolled in PhD courses (without scholarship) is not taken into account for a period not exceeding the legal duration of the PhD program.

In accordance with law 240/10 candidates cannot be awarded research fellowship or temporary researcher contracts with public, private or telematic universities, nor with other institutions as specified by art. 1 of law 240/10 for a period exceeding 12 years, even if not continuously. To this end the periods of absence due to maternity leave or state of illness are not taken into account.