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Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati

TRANSLATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1 RESEARCH POSITION

Decree n. 73/2020 dated 05/02/2020

Art.1 A public selection, based on qualifications, is hereby announced for 1 research position in **Neuroscience Area of SISSA** through the evaluation of the research project proposals submitted by the candidates together with their qualifications and published works. Full details, admission requirements and duration are listed in Annex 1.

Art.2 Eligible candidates must be in possession of a scientific-professional curriculum which enables them to carry out research activity and meet the further requirements specified in Annex 1.
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 A).

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

Art.3 The amount of the research fellowship detailed in Annex 1 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.

Art.4 The fellowships cannot be held contemporarily with other fellowships of whatever kind, except those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions with

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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.

Art. 5 The requirements for the admission to the selection procedure are listed in Annex 1. To assert the equivalence of the qualification possessed to the required, the candidate must refer to the list of equivalences that can be consulted on the MIUR website (http://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/equipollenze-equiparazioni-and-between-titles-academic-italiani1).
Qualifications obtained abroad and declared equivalent by the Italian authority, according to the current legislation, will be admitted.
In case of foreign degree that has not already been declared equivalent in Italy according to the law (http://www.cimea.it/it/index.aspx) the examining board has the right to admit the candidate after the evaluation of the study plan, in accordance with the thematic of the research fellowship.
The selection procedure is carried out by the examining board by evaluating the research fellowship, taking into account the scientific profile of the candidate as proved by their qualifications and published works.
The qualifications evaluation criteria, which can be specified by the examining board according to internationally recognised parameters, are, with regard to the thematic of the research fellowship, the relevance, the importance and the quality of:

- the proven research activity;

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- the academic qualifications (University Degree, PhD, specialization degrees or other certificates of attendance regarding post-degree specialization courses held in Italy or abroad);
- other qualifications.

In case of foreign degree that has not already been declared equivalent in Italy according to the law, the candidate must attach the Italian translation and / or English translation of the study plan.

The scientific qualifications must be relevant to the Area referred to in this announcement or to interdisciplinary subjects relevant to the areas involved.

Art.6 The examining board is nominated with Directorial Decree by the Director of SISSA, according to the proposal of the relevant Area Council. It is composed of a maximum of 9 members representing the Area involved in this announcement.

The examining board evaluates the research project and qualifications according to the criteria previously identified according to the following table:

Qualification	Evaluation criteria	Score
Research project	Relevance, pertinence, quality	max 40 marks
PhD	Relevance to the project	max 15 marks
University Degree	Type of degree listed in the announcement - according to the degree mark	max 10 marks
Published works and other research products	Relevance to the scientific disciplinary sector of the research project	max 20 marks
Other post-lauream Degrees	Relevance to the scientific disciplinary sector	Max 2 marks
Other qualifications	Contracts, scholarships, enrollment in PhD degrees, periods spent abroad, etc., if any	max 13 marks
TOTAL		**max 100 marks**

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

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At the end of the evaluations the examining board will draw up a report, including the evaluation criteria, the total mark obtained by each candidate and a classification list of those considered eligible. The selection procedure and the classification list are approved with Directorial Decree.
The eligible candidate will undertake a research contract with SISSA in accordance with Italian Law n. 240/10, art. 22.
Being in the classification will not give any rights in other selection procedures.

Art.7 Under penality of exclusion**, application** for participation in the competition, along with the relevant qualifications held and the relevant scientific publications, **shall be submitted online through the following online application procedures** https://pica.cineca.it/sissa/ar-fs-neur-11-2020 .
It is of utmost importance to provide a valid email address in order to enable the registration process on the electronic procedure.
Applicants shall upload all personal and professional data as requested by the application procedure; all documents must be uploaded in PDF format (.pdf). Each applicant can produce a maximum of no. 30 publications and a maximum of no. 30 other titles and qualifications.
All fields in the online application form must be filled out. Under penalty of exclusion, the application must contain:

- research project (English language), concerning the Scientific Subject listed in the Annex 1;
- the curriculum vitae with the complete list of the scientific and professional activities;
- valid ID of the candidate to be uploaded in electronic format.

Failure to comply with the online application procedure will result in exclusion of the applicant.
Prior to final submission, and within the given deadline for applications submission, the online application procedure allows to modify and save the inserted information in a draft copy.
Confirmation of final submission date will be certified by an automatic notification email.
Submissions after the given deadlines will not be accepted by the system as the online application procedure won't be accessible.
Each application will be given a registration number. For all further communications, the registration number shall be quoted along with the code of the research grant competition.
The online application and submission procedure shall be completed by March 6th 2020 not later than 13.00 (Rome time).
The submission of the online application must be completed and finalized:

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- **with the digital signature of the candidate**, by means of smart card, USB token or remote digital signature, for digitally signing electronic documents with a software using a PC or a web portal for Remote Signature provided by a Certification Service Provider (CSP). Candidates with a smart card or an USB token for digital signature should check the compatibility with the Digital Signature system embedded in our server. In case of compatibility, candidates shall sign the application on the server (i.e. ConFirma);
- **holders of server-incompatible Digital Signature and holders of Remote Digital Signature** who can access a web portal for digitally signing electronic documents, shall save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC; the PDF file shall not be modified in any way, and it shall be digitally signed in CAdES format: the system will generate a file with .p7m extension. The candidate shall upload the .p7m file on the system. No changes are to be made to the file by the candidates before the Digital Signature, on pain of exclusion from the competition;
- **in case the two above-mentioned options do not apply**, candidates shall save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC. The PDF file shall not be modified in any way, on pain of exclusion from the competition. The PDF shall then be printed out, signed on the last page, scanned in PDF format and uploaded on the system.

For any technical problem regarding the application candidate should apply to sissa@cineca.it .

The University will verify that all the statements made in the application and accompanying documentation comply with the provisions of Presidential Decree n. 445/2000.

Each applicant is allowed to present one single project for each Department.

Art.8 After a budget verification has been carried out, the eligible candidate will receive notification of the award of the research fellowship by registered letter.

Within 30 days from the start of the research activity at SISSA, Italian and EU candidates or non-EU citizens resident in Italy will have to send to the Director of SISSA the following documents:

1) affidavit attesting the birth, citizenship and residence or submit a valid ID; non- EU citizens must produce their passport;
2) affidavit attesting the possession of a University Degree and a PhD;
3) copy of the tax code issued in Italy;

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Non-EU citizens authorized to sojourn in Italy owing to the conventions between Italy and their own country have to submit the same above mentioned documents.
Non-EU citizens regularly sojourning in Italy may submit an affidavit 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 any different case the details listed in points 1), 2) and 3) of this article must be documented with an affidavit submitted together with the relevant copies 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 a declaration concerning the information requested in points 1), 2) and 3) 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 affidavits submitted.
Should a letter of acceptance not be received, the documents listed above not be submitted in time or the project be terminated before the due date, the research fellowship may be offered to the next candidate eligible in the classification list, through authorization by the Director, at the express request of the Area Coordinator or the scientist responsible for the research project.
The starting date of the fellowship shall be agreed with the Area Coordinator or with the scientist responsible for the research project..

Art.9 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.

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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.

Art.10 The total duration of the research fellowship including the renewals must not exceed 4 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.
The renewal of the research fellowship is decided by the School Academic Senate and, as for the financial coverage, by the Board of Directors, on the basis of the evaluation of the research activity carried out by the fellowship holder, the state of the art of the research programme, on request of the scientist responsible in the Area relevant to the research fellowship.

Art.11 ll matters regarding data processing and protection are in accordance with Law 196/2003 D.Lgs. 30.06.2003, n. 196 as amended by Legislative Decree 10.08.2018, n. 101 that transposes the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (c.d. GDPR). All the data provided to this administration will be processed for the sole purposes connected with and instrumental to the selection procedure and the eventual drawing up and management of the procedure.

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ANNEX 1

Neuroscience Area
Public selection based

Fields of the research activity: **Anatomical and histological characterization of rat visual cortex;**

Scientist responsible for the research activity: prof. Davide Franco Zoccolan;
Members of the research group: Davide Zoccolan, Riccardo Caramellino, Mattia Zanzi;
Public selection sector: 11/E1 - PSICOLOGIA GENERALE, PSICOBIOLOGIA E PSICOMETRIA;
S.s.d. : M-PSI/02 - PSICOBIOLOGIA E PSICOLOGIA FISIOLOGICA;

Duration of the research fellowship: 12 months
Renewable: no;
Gross remuneration per year: € 24.336,00

Requisites for the admission to the selection procedure:
University degree: biological sciences such as biology, molecular biology, neuroscience and neurobiology;
Doctoral degree: neuroscience, neurobiology, cognitive sciences or molecular biology;

Proven experience in: 1) immunohistochemistry; 2) perfusions and histological analyses (e.g., Nissl staining);.

Additional requirements, competencies and abilities: 1) Independence in the activity of researching an purchasing chemicals, antibodies and other lab wetware; 2) tecniche di biologia molecolare (e.g., Western Blot e in-situ hybridization);

Evaluation criteria: candidate should be declared eligible after receiving an evaluation of minimum 70/100.
Research project: 40 points
PhD: maximum 15 points
University degree: maximum 10 points
Published works and other research products: maximum 20 points
Further post-lauream diplomas: 2 points
Other titles: maximum 13 points

Gross total cost of the research fellowship will be funded by School funds.

Position approved by:
Council of Neuroscience Area dated 14/01/2020
Academic Senate of the School dated 21/01/2020
Board of Directors of the School dated 28/01/2020

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