Translation of Announcement no. 470 date 20.07.2022

Subject: public selection procedure for the recruitment of no. 1 fixed-term Researcher (ricercatore a tempo determinato) in accordance with Art. 24, paragraph 3, letter a) of Italian Law No. 240/2010 at the Neuroscience Area of SISSA, Academic Recruitment Field 05/D1 Physiology

THE DIRECTOR

Having regard to Decree Law No. 1 of 9 January 2020, as modified by Law No. 12 of 5 March 2020, and Art. 1 in particular, which established the Ministry of University and Research and subsequently abolished the Ministry of Education, University and Research;

Having regard to Law No. 168 of 9 May 1989;

Having regard to Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Law No. 125 of 10 April 1991, “Positive actions for equality between women and men in the workplace”;

Having regard to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992 and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Law No. 537 of 24 December 1993 and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 487 of 9 May 1994 and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 on administrative records and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001, and Art. 7 in particular, and all subsequent modifications and additions;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, “Code for the protection of personal data”, and all subsequent modifications and additions, as modified by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, which transposes the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR);

Having regard to Law No. 106 of 15 April 2004 and Presidential Decree No. 252 of 3 May 2006;

Having regard to Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, "Rules on the organization of Universities, academic staff and recruitment policies, and enabling the government to promote quality and efficiency in the university system", and Art. 24 in particular (text in force before June 30, 2022);

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 242 of 24 May 2011, “Criteria for the assessment of teaching and research activities performed by staff holding contracts pursuant to Art. 24, paragraph 3, section a, of Law No. 240/2010 of 30 December 2010";

Having regard to the Statute of SISSA, issued with Directorial Decree No. 40 of 18 January 2012, published in the Official Gazette No. 36 dated 13 February 2012, in force since 28 February 2012;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 49 of 29 March 2012, which establishes the legislative framework for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of budgetary and recruitment policies of Universities;

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 855 of 30 October 2015, “Redefinition of macro-sectors and academic fields for selection procedures”;

Having regard to the Regulations of SISSA on selection and management of the employment relationship of University researchers on a fixed-term contract, pursuant to Art. 24, Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, as modified by Directorial Decree No. 8 of 9 January 2020;

Having regard to Decree Law No. 36 of 30 April 2022, as modified by Law No. 79 of 29 June 2022, and in particular Art. 14, paragraph 6-quinquesdecies;

Having regard to the resolution of the Neuroscience Area Council (in its reduced composition, comprising only full and associate professors), held on 17 June 2022, on the opening of a call for a public selection procedure for the recruitment of one full-time, fixed-term researcher (ricercatore a tempo determinato) for a period of three years at SISSA Neuroscience Area, pursuant to Art. 24, paragraph 3, letter a), of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, in the academic recruitment field 05/D1 Physiology, academic discipline BIO/09 Physiology within Area 05 Biology;

Having regard to the note of the Ministry of University and Research protocol no.2426 of 23 June 2022, informing that the project proposal IR0000011 - EBRAINS-Italy has been admitted for the funding under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR);

Having regard to the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of SISSA, adopted during the meetings of 28 June 2022 and 5 July 2022, approving the call for a public selection procedure for the recruitment of one fixed-term researcher pursuant to Art. 24, paragraph 3, letter a), of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, as mentioned above;

Having established the availability of funds to cover the expenditure for the above-mentioned position of Researcher with a fixed-term contract pursuant to Art. 24, paragraph 3, letter a) of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 at the Neuroscience Area, drawing on the economic resources granted to the School by the subscription of the Grant Agreement concerning the project National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) infrastructure EBRAIN;
DECrees

Art. 1
Position open to competition
A public selection procedure is hereby announced for the recruitment of No. 1 full-time fixed-term researcher (*ricercatore a tempo determinato*) for a period of three years at SISSA Neuroscience Area, pursuant to Art. 24, paragraph 3, letter a) of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010. The contract may be extended only once, for two years, subject to a positive assessment of the contract holder’s teaching and research activities and confirmation of the financial coverage.

**Academic Recruitment Field:** 05/D1 Physiology;
**Academic Discipline:** BIO/09 Physiology;
**Area:** 05 Biology;
**Research activity:** on the theme of the electrophysiological study of human cortical tissue, obtained from resective neurosurgery therapeutic interventions, and on the generation of a workflow to produce data from human tissue;
**Teaching activities:** total annual commitment for carrying out teaching, supplementary teaching and student service activities equal to 350 hours for the full-time regime to be implemented with tutoring activities for students and conducting interdisciplinary short courses for doctoral students focused on Neurobiology;
**Maximum number of publications to be submitted:** 12;
**Language used for the evaluation of qualifications and publications:** English.

All relevant acts relating to the selection procedure will be published on the dedicated page of the School’s website. For all intents and purposes, their publication acts as an official notification.

Art. 2
Admission and Eligibility Requirements
Only Italian and foreign candidates holding a PhD degree or equivalent qualification in Physiology, Bioengineering, Neurosciences or related fields are eligible to participate in the selection.

In order to be admitted to the selection, candidates must meet the requirements by the submission deadline.

If the degree required for admission to the competition has been awarded abroad, equivalence of the foreign qualification is required, pursuant to Art. 74 of the Italian Presidential Decree No. 382/1980.

The candidate who has not obtained recognition of the qualification obtained abroad will be allowed to participate in the selection and will be admitted with reserve.

Should the candidate win the selection procedure and be eligible for the call, the procedure for the recognition of the degree obtained abroad will be activated.
Candidates having kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree with a professor belonging to the School Council or with the Director, the Secretary General or a member of the Board of Directors of SISSA cannot participate in the selection. Candidates who hold, or who have held, research fellowships or fixed-term contracts as Researcher pursuant to Articles 22 and 24 of Law 240/2010 at SISSA or at any other Italian private, public or online University, or at institutions referred to in Art. 22, paragraph 1, of Law 240/2010 for a period of time which, if added to the duration of the contract concerned by this call, exceeds a total of 12 consecutive or non-consecutive years, are not eligible. For the above-said purposes, maternity leaves and health leaves according to the Italian law in force are not taken into account.

Full and associate professors (professori di I e II Fascia) or researchers who have already held a permanent position at a University are also ineligible, even if they are no longer in service. Candidates can be excluded from the selection due to non-compliance by means of a decree of the Director. Exclusion is notified to the candidate concerned.

The following candidates cannot participate in the selection:
- candidates who have been denied their civil and political rights;
- candidates who have been dismissed or relieved from their role in a Public Administration for consistently inadequate performance, or who have been dismissed from their post as a result of disciplinary proceedings or a criminal conviction, or who have been disqualified from another public post for having obtained it through the submission of false documents or documents affected by irremediable invalidity;
- candidates who have been dismissed or relieved from any other public employment, pursuant to Art. 127, letter d), of Presidential Decree No. 3 of 10 January 1957.

This Administration guarantees equal opportunities to male and female participants in accessing job posts and equal treatment at work.

Art.3
Applications for the selection procedure
The admission application must be signed and duly filled out according to Annex A and addressed to the Director of the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) - Via Bonomea, 265 - 34136 Trieste - Italy. The application must be submitted within thirty (30) days, starting from the day after the publication of this notice in the Official Journal of the Italian Republic - 4th special series. The publication will immediately be notified on SISSA’s website, and on the websites of the European Union and the Italian Ministry for University and Research. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is delayed until the next business day.

The application must be duly signed and submitted together with a copy of a personal identity document, on pain of exclusion. To submit the application candidates may choose one of the following options:
1) through Electronic Certified Mail (PEC, posta elettronica certificata) to SISSA electronic certified mail address: protocollo@pec.sissa.it. The application must be sent within the deadline from a certified email account registered in the name of the candidate. Under penalty of exclusion, it is mandatory to attach to this email the application and CV in .pdf format, bearing the scanned signature of the candidate, the .pdf scan of a valid identity document (front and back) as well as any other attachment to the application in .pdf format (numbered, dated and signed list of publications, publications up to a maximum of twelve, numbered, dated and signed list of all the qualifications deemed relevant for the selection, as well as the qualifications themselves);

2) via e-mail to concorsi.doc@sissa.it. Under penalty of exclusion, it is mandatory to attach to this email the application and CV in .pdf format, bearing the scanned signature of the candidate, the .pdf scan of a valid identity document (front and back) as well as any other attachment to the application in .pdf format (numbered, dated and signed list of publications, publications up to a maximum of twelve, numbered, dated and signed list of all the qualifications deemed relevant for the selection, as well as the qualifications themselves).

In the application, candidates must clearly indicate their surname, name, date and place of birth, place of residence and tax code. Moreover, all candidates shall state under their own responsibility:

a. their citizenship;

b. that they hold a PhD degree or equivalent qualification in Physiology, Bioengineering, Neurosciences or related fields, conferred by an Italian or foreign institution;

c. that they do not have a kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree with a professor belonging to the School Council, or with the Director, the Secretary General or with a member of the Board of Directors of SISSA;

d. that they have not been awarded a permanent position as full or associate professor or as permanent researcher at a University, even if they are no longer in service;

e. that they have not held research fellowships (assegni di ricerca) or fixed-term contracts as a Researcher pursuant to Articles 22 and 24 of Law 240/2010 at SISSA or at any other Italian private, public or online University, or at institutions referred to in Art. 22, paragraph 1, of Law 240/2010 for a period of time which, added to the duration of the contract concerned by this call, exceeds a total of 12 consecutive or non-consecutive years. (For the above-said purposes, maternity leaves and health leaves according to the Italian law in force are not taken into account);
f. that they have not been dismissed or relieved from their role in a Public Administration for consistently inadequate performance, nor from public employment pursuant to Art. 127, letter d), of Presidential Decree No. 3 of 10 January 1957;

g. that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence - or they shall report their criminal convictions, if any; that they are not aware of any criminal proceeding pending against them - or they shall report any pending criminal proceeding;

h. whether they are employed in Public Administration;

i. that they are aware that all communications regarding the selection will be published on SISSA’s website at the following link: https://www.sissa.it/recruitment?search=&status=All&area=All&posizione=3404

To all intents and purposes, the aforementioned publication is equivalent to notification;

j. that they are physically fit for recruitment.

Failure to submit one of the previous statements in the application form will result in the exclusion from the selection.

Italian candidates must also state in the application under their own responsibility:

- that they are either registered on the electoral list in the city of residence, or no longer registered (please enlist the reasons of removal from the register/ failure to register);
- that they have performed the compulsory military service under national law, if applicable.

Foreign candidates must also state in the application under their own responsibility:

- that they enjoy full civil and political rights in their Country of origin. Alternatively, they have to state the reasons for exclusion;
- that they have an adequate knowledge of the Italian language, although teaching and research activities are held in English.

In the application, candidates must indicate the address where any communications are to be sent, their phone number, cell phone number, and e-mail address. Any change must be promptly communicated to this School.

Pursuant to Law No. 104 of 05 February 1992, disabled candidates shall make an explicit request for the necessary aid required in relation to their disability, indicating the possible need for extra time for their interview.

SISSA is not liable for misdirected communication due to incorrect residence or domicile information provided by candidates, or to missing or late notification of any changes thereof. The Administration shall bear no responsibility for any postal or communication delays or third-party delays due to fortuitous events or force majeure.

Candidates must attach to the application:
1. a copy of a valid personal identity document;
2. a CV listing all their research and teaching activities, their degrees and all other qualifications, which has to be dated, signed, and submitted by means of an affidavit (*dichiarazione sostitutiva di atto di notorietà*, i.e. a document in which the applicant undersigns that what is stated is true), using the attached Annex B;
3. a numbered list of the publications to be submitted, as laid down in Art. 4 of this notice. The list has to be dated and signed;
4. a maximum of 12 publications (for publications issued in copy, please attach the affidavit - Annex B);
5. a numbered list of all the qualifications which are thought to be relevant for the selection, which has to be dated and signed, and the qualifications themselves.

Attachments to the application cannot be submitted as links to files stored on online storage/file sharing services or web pages.

Citizens of the European Union can:
- self-certify the possession of qualifications by filling out the affidavit (Annex B). If the degrees have been issued by a Public Administration, please note that they have to be self-certified by the candidate;
- submit the original, a certified copy or a valid true copy of the qualifications by means of an affidavit, pursuant to Articles 19 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000; all documents and certifications issued in foreign languages (other than English) must be translated into Italian by a recognized authority/Embassy or by an official translator.

Non-European Union nationals holding a valid residence permit may submit the original diplomas and certificates, a certified copy or a valid true copy. They may submit an affidavit, just like citizens of the European Union, only to prove status, facts and personal qualities which can be certified by Italian public institutions, or in application of international conventions between Italy and the country of origin of the applicant.

Non-European Union nationals without a residence permit may submit the original, a certified copy or a valid true copy. Certificates issued in languages other than English by the competent authorities of the State of which the non-EU candidate holds citizenship, must be accompanied by a certified Italian translation, made by a recognized authority/Embassy or by an official translator.

Our Administration may check the truthfulness of the contents of the affidavit. No reference is allowed to documents, qualifications and publications already submitted to SISSA or to other administrations for other procedures.
Art. 4
Publications

Candidates are allowed to submit up to a maximum of 12 publications, which must be numbered in sequential order and bear the same number as in the above-mentioned publications’ list. Publications must be submitted together with the application.

Publications that are not submitted together with the application and which do not respect the rules and the deadline indicated in this notice, although included in the publications’ list, cannot be taken into consideration by the Evaluation Committee. Only publications or texts accepted for publication according to existing regulations will be evaluated, as well as essays that are part of collective works and articles published in paper or digital journals, with the exclusion of internal documents and department reports. The doctoral thesis or final dissertation of equivalent qualifications shall be taken into consideration even if it does not comply with the above-mentioned requirements.

For co-authored publications, the candidate may attach a self-declaration indicating his/her personal contribution. In absence of such declaration, the publication will be assessed as long as the candidate’s individual contribution and its coherence with the candidate’s overall scientific activity can be identified.

If the candidate submits more than twelve publications, the Committee will evaluate the first twelve items following the order on the list of publications submitted by the candidate.

Candidates may submit the original publications, valid certified copies or they can send an affidavit, self-declaring that the submitted copy of the publication corresponds to the original.

For works printed abroad, the date and place of publication must be included or, alternatively, the ISBN code or other equivalent.

For works printed in Italy before 02 September 2006, all duties in accordance with Art. 1 of Decree No. 660 of 31 August 1945 must be fulfilled; for works published from 02 September 2006 onwards, all duties in accordance with Law No. 106 of 15 April 2006 and with Presidential Decree No. 252 of 3 May 2006 must be fulfilled. In order to prove the fulfilment of these obligations, candidates shall attach specific supporting documents to the list of publications. Alternatively, they can self-certify it with an affidavit, pursuant to Art. 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000.

Publications must be submitted in the original language and translated into one of the following: Italian, English, French, German or Spanish.

Art. 5
Exclusion from the selection procedure

Candidates are admitted to the selection procedure with reserve and can therefore be excluded due to a lack of compliance with the requirements at any time, through a Director’s decree.

Candidates lacking the requirements laid down in Art. 2 of this notice will be excluded from the selection.
Art. 6
Appointment of the Evaluation Committee
The Evaluation Committee is appointed by the Director of SISSA, on a proposal from the Area that has requested the position. The Committee is composed of three professors and at least two of them must be chosen from other Italian or foreign Universities or other research institutions. The Committee will be appointed in accordance with current regulations on incompatibility and conflict of interest.

Art. 7
Duties of the Evaluation Committee
The Committee predetermines the criteria for the evaluation of the CV and the scientific production of the candidates, which includes the PhD thesis, according to criteria and parameters recognized at an international level, as defined by Ministerial Decree No. 243 of 25 May 2011. The criteria are published on the School’s website. The Committee will proceed with the evaluation expressing a reasoned analytical judgement of the CV and the scientific production of each candidate. All candidates will be admitted to the interview, if the total number of candidates is equal to or less than six; otherwise, according to the results of the preliminary assessment, only the most qualified candidates will be admitted to the interview (from 10 to 20% of the total and, in any case, no fewer than six).
No written or oral examination is required, with the exception of an oral test to prove an adequate knowledge of the English language, given that SISSA is an International School. The oral test will take place jointly with the discussion on qualifications and publications. The meetings of the Evaluation Committee may be held online, using IT devices. The Committee may meet via Skype (in conversation mode) or by using other electronic tools which ensure the actual participation of all the members, the simultaneity of decisions, the immediate possibility to access the files, participate in the discussions, exchange documents and approve reports. Consistently with the applicable copyright regulations, the Committee shall use the publications submitted by the candidates only for the purposes of this selection procedure. At the end of the procedure, the Committee identifies the most qualified candidate for the position.

Art. 8
Interviews schedule
Candidates admitted to the interview shall be summoned by means of a public notice, published on SISSA’s website at https://www.sissa.it/recruitment?search=&status=All&area=All&posizione=3404 with at least a 20-day notice. The same notice states the interviews’ schedule and modes.
To all intents and purposes, the publication of this notice is equivalent to an official notification. No private notifications to candidates are envisioned.

Failure to attend the interview shall be considered as an explicit and final withdrawal from the selection process.

The interview may be held at SISSA premises, via Bonomea 265 - 34136 Trieste, or online, via audio/video connection between commissioners and candidates, through Skype or Zoom platform or other remote electronic mean that can guarantee an effective participation and interaction between commissioner and candidate, so as to ensure clear mutual understanding and an adequate recognition of the identity of the candidates.

Therefore, candidates admitted to an online interview have to be equipped with a webcam – which is mandatory for identification purposes – a microphone, speakers and/or headphones. At the beginning of the video interview, candidates must exhibit the same identification document sent with the application.

Art. 9
Approval of acts

The acts of the Evaluation Committee consist of the minutes of all its meetings, including the judgements on each candidate’s qualifications, CV and scientific production, and the report on its works.

The Director verifies the regularity of the acts within thirty days from the submission of the documents by the Committee. If the verification has a positive outcome, the Director approves the Committee acts through a decree. If faults are identified, the Director sends the acts back to the Committee and sets a deadline for their regularization.

All the acts regarding the procedure, including the Director’s decree of approval, are published on SISSA’s website.

To all intents and purposes, the aforementioned publication is equivalent to notification. No further notice is envisioned.

The School Council proposes the call of the candidate selected by the Committee to the Board of Directors. The proposal is adopted by an absolute majority of the votes of the School’s full and associate professors. The Board of Directors then decrees on the call of the candidate selected by the Committee.

Art. 10
Contract of employment

The contract of employment is signed by the researcher and the Director.

The date on which the researcher will start his/her activity is notified in writing by the Area Council concerned to the Administration.

Upon the signature of the full-time fixed-term contract, the Administration will ask the researcher to submit the documentation required by law within 30 days.

All employment conditions are in accordance with the laws in force, also with regard to tax treatment, welfare and social security. The gross annual salary payable to a fixed-term researcher with a full-time commitment as per paragraph
3, letter a), of Article 24 of Law 240/2010 is equal to the initial salary payable to a full-time confirmed researcher.

The research and teaching activities carried out by the researcher shall comply with the contract, with the rules and codes of the School, and with the programming of the School's governing bodies.

For all matters that are not expressly covered in this announcement, reference shall be made to the norms of Book V of the Italian Civil Code and current legislation on employment, with particular reference to Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001 "General rules on the organization of employment by public authorities".

Given their full-time contract with the School, researchers are subject to the provisions of Art. 32, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5, and to Art. 33 and 34, paragraph 1, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of 11 July 1980, as well as to the statutory provisions governing the right of full-time University researchers to vote and to stand as candidates in the elections for the academic bodies for the entire duration of their contract.

Researchers are entitled to the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 151 of 03 March 2001 regarding the protection and support of maternity and paternity, and to the provisions of Law No. 104 of 05 February 1992 for the assistance, social integration and rights of disabled people.

For all disciplinary issues, Art. 10 of Law 240/2010 shall apply.

During the six months prior to the expiry of the contract, researchers holding a contract as per Art. 3, paragraph 1, letter a), of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 are subject to an evaluation of their teaching and research activities, also for the purpose of a two-year extension. The extension may be proposed by the Area that requested the position and its financial coverage shall be granted within the available programming resources. The evaluation of teaching and research activities is based on procedures, criteria and parameters compliant with the provisions of Ministerial Decree No. 242/2011. The teaching and research activity carried out by the researcher in the framework of the contract for which the extension is proposed is evaluated by a special commission, appointed by the Director and made up of three professors from outside the School, on the basis of a report drafted by the Area to which the researcher belongs and another one drafted by the researcher himself/herself.

The committee's assessment focuses on the adequacy of the research and teaching activities carried out in relation to the provisions of the contract to be extended.

In the event of a positive outcome, the proposal for extension, together with the Area report and the Committee's evaluation, is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval, after hearing the opinion of the Academic Senate and the School Council, subject to verification of economic and financial sustainability. The resolution of the Board of Directors is adopted within the expiry date of the contract to be extended.
Art. 11
Prohibition of overlapping - incompatibility
The position of researcher on a fixed-term contract with SISSA is incompatible with any employment relationship, even if part-time.
Notwithstanding Art. 53 of Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001, a fixed-term research contract cannot be held concurrently with doctoral fellowships, research fellowships ex Art. 22 of Law 240/10, or any fellowship of whatever kind. The holder of the contract cannot simultaneously hold other fixed-term contracts with SISSA or with other Universities.

Art. 12
Termination of employment
Termination of employment occurs upon expiry of the contract or withdrawal of one of the parties. If the selection procedure is revoked, the contract is terminated in any case.
During the first two months, each party may terminate the contract at any time without prior notice and without penalties involving the recovery or the failure to pay the salary for the period of notice not given. The contract ends when the other party receives the notice of termination. Termination by the School must be duly motivated. After the above-mentioned period of time, in case of resignation the researcher must give at least a 30-day notice, by sending a written communication to the School’s Director. 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.
In accordance with Art. 2119 of the Italian Civil Code, each of the parties may terminate the contract should an event occur which does not allow the continuation of the contract, even on a temporary basis. In addition, the Administration may withdraw from the contract for lawful dismissal for misconduct.

Art. 13
Personal Data Handling
All personal data provided by candidates with the application to participate in the selection procedure will be collected and processed for the sole purposes connected with the selection and the eventual recruitment procedure.
The provision of data is compulsory and necessary for the proper completion of the selection process.
Personal information may be disclosed only to public authorities directly involved in the legal and economic issues relating to the candidate’s recruitment.
At any time, candidates may exercise their rights under Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, “Code for the protection of personal data”, as modified by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, which transposes the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR).
Art. 14
Head of procedures
The Head of procedures is Dr. Alessandra Lucatello, Chief of Human Resources Area (e-mail: concorsi.doc@sissa.it).

Art.15
Final Provisions
For all matters that are not expressly covered in this notice, \textit{mutatis mutandis}, reference shall be made to the University legislation in force, and in particular to SISSA’s Regulation on selection and management of the employment relationship of University researchers on a fixed-term contract, in accordance with the provisions of Art.24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, and to the Italian legislation regarding employment in public administrations.

THE DIRECTOR
prof. Andrea Romanino
(Italian version digitally signed)