Call for n. 2 Short Research Fellowships - Ca' Foscari University of Venice – Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics

(L. 240 del December 30th 2010, art. 18, DL 19/2012; Regulations about Short Research fellowships DR 399/2018 del 04/05/2018

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere translation of the provisions of the call which is available in Italian at the following link: http://www.unive.it/data/17576/. The text in Italian is the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.

The Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics of Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, having regard to the resolution of the Decision for Department n. 900/2018, date 15/10/2018, establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowship in “Analysis of the Commons and of Relational goods within ‘Oltreconfin’ District organic farms”, lasting 7 months and for the short fellowship in “Analysis of the role of relational goods in social enterprise activities”, lasting 5 months. The expected starting date is indicatively on November 2018.

The research fellowships are awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics:

Reseacher 1 - “Analysis of the Commons and of Relational goods within ‘Oltreconfin’ District organic farms” The aim of the intervention is to apply the scientific method to the analysis of improvement possibilities in the management of the commons, in relation to the increase in relational goods on the one hand, and to the adoption of organic farming practices on the other. Relational goods, defined as non-tangible goods that originate from interactions between individuals, possessing a communicative and affective nature with characteristics of non-exclusivity, anti-rivalry, non-decreasing marginal utility, to which the functions of investment, production and consumption coincide temporally, are a fundamental tool for the shared management of resources and commons. On the other hand, the activities put in place by organic farming seem to promote a reduction in the impacts linked to soil erosion / degradation typical of classical agriculture, favouring instead some ecological processes that contribute to the maintenance of ecosystem services. The activity will use the ‘OltreConfin’ Solidarity economy district as an actual laboratory in the field, where to collect experimental data and test hypotheses. The final goal of the intervention is twofold, on the one hand to train a young researcher to deal into the typical elements of socio-ecological systems by relating them to a more social analysis that considers the relational aspects, in a typical context of integrated sustainability; on the other, to provide an initial assessment of the real potential of the District in terms of conservation of natural capital, which is one of the most threatened elements at regional and national level. The intervention includes a final report containing the obtained results discussing them in the perspective of the whole project; moreover, a public seminar is planned to disseminate objectives and results to the scientific community of reference.

Reseacher 2 – “Analysis of the role of relational goods in social enterprise activities” The aim of the intervention is to extend the protocol elaborated in the research grant 1 to other project beneficiaries operating in sectors other than agriculture, for an evaluation of the applicability of the method to different contexts. A preliminary analysis of the collected data will be carried out, comparing them with the findings of the surveys in the ‘Oltreconfin’ district. This will allow to carry out a broad-spectrum analysis, focused on companies operating in the social sphere or with a strong social drive. Therefore, at the end of the activity it will be possible to have an analysis protocol validated not only on farms, but also in different realities, as well as an initial assessment of the content of relational goods in many of the beneficiary companies. The intervention includes a final report on obtained results and a discussion of them from the perspective of the whole project; moreover, a public seminar is planned to disseminate objectives and results to the scientific community of reference.

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For Researcher 1: The research fellowship amounts to Euro 2.000 per month, gross to the recipient.
For Researcher 2: The research fellowship amounts to Euro 2.000 per month, gross to the recipient.

Deadline: 06/11/2018

Rules of eligibility - Beneficiaries.

a) Short Fellowship in “Analysis of the Commons and of Relational goods within ‘Oltreconfin’ District organic farms”, people with masters degree (or equivalent) in Humanistic Disciplines or PhD in Antropology, with an adequate scientific and professional cv are eligible;
b) Short Fellowship in Analysis of the role of relational goods in social enterprise activities, people with masters degree (or equivalent) in Economics, with an adequate scientific and professional cv are eligible.

Applicants must hold all the requisites within the call deadline. The qualifications will be evaluated by a Commission that examines the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates and makes a merit rank of them.

Short Research Fellowship to non-EU citizens.
If a non-EU citizen already living in Italy applies for a Research Fellowship, he must hold a residence permit valid up to the Deadline of the call. Otherwise, the Department undertakes to undergo the procedures for obtaining a residence permit for research activities.

How to apply
Candidates should submit:
1. The application form (http://www.unive.it/data/28900/), duly dated and signed.
2. A CV in European format (http://www.unive.it/data/28900/), duly dated and signed.
3. A photocopy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).
4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure.

How to submit your application
Hard copy of the application should be printed, signed and delivered to Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics by hand delivery (Mon-Fri, 9:00-12:00) or by registered mail with return receipt, or by an email to resente@unive.it.

Selection procedure
The selection is made by assessment of the scientific-professional qualifications of the candidates, the curriculum vitae et studiorum, the scientific publications, the interview.
The short list will be published on http://www.unive.it/data/28900/ within 13/11/2018.

Incompatibility
The fellowships within this announcement may not be combined with:
- other research grants;
- fellowships of any other kind, with the exception of those awarded by national or foreign research institutes to integrate, with periods abroad, the specific research activities required by this announcement.
In the case of self-employment, employment or para-subordinate employment, compatibility shall be determined by the Research Project Supervisor.
The granting of the Short Research fellowship does not give rise to the establishment of any employment relationship, nor does it give rise to rights regarding access to the roles of the University staff.

Information and contacts
Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on: http://www.unive.it/data/28824/.
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Evaluation Procedure and Commission.

A Commission summoned by the Director of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics who indicates the President of the Commission and the member taking the minutes, will evaluate the applications.

Evaluation procedure. The Commission defines the general evaluation criteria. The interview and any other test must ascertain the suitability of the applicant to the research activity. The Commission compiles a ranking and specifies the winning applicant, having regard to the score appointed to experience and qualifications, interview and any other test, as specified by the call.

Awarding of the short research fellowship

Having received the selection documents, and at the outcome of the checks, the Director approves, by his own decree, the classification and the selection procedure reports and makes them public according to the procedures specified in the Regulation awarding the short research fellowship art. 6 and in the website http://www.unive.it/data/28900/. Exclusion is justified in detail in the selection reports which can be accessed in accordance with law 241/90. The Director of the Department/Center at which the research programme will be conducted awards the research fellowship to the winner of the selection procedure, subject to ascertainment of the prescribed requirements. The latter shall accept the award within 7 (seven) days from receipt of the communication by signing the relative contract at the competent office of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, which will establish the terms of and procedures for the collaboration and allocation of the grant.

Grant. The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while benefiting from the range of expertise at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. The tutor coordinates the activities of the Research Fellow and any other research activity within the same program and provides the Fellow with all the information for carrying out the research. The Department provides the Research Fellow with the needed back-up support such as access to facilities, equipment and administrative services. The Research Fellowship is not, in any case, considered as an employment contract and the Fellow is not part of the University staff. The rights for any patentable invention coming from Research Activities belong to the University or entities with which the University has signed (or will sign) specific agreements.

The person responsible for administrative proceedings

In accordance with Art. 5 of Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990, as amended, the person responsible for the selection process (RPA) is Federica Fasolato, who can be reached at the Department of Environmental Science Informatics and Statistics at the e-mail address esterdp@unive.it and telephone no. +39 041/2348565.

Final provisions

For anything not specified in this call, see the University of Venice’s current regulations regarding the awarding for research fellowships and the current legislation.

Date, 17/10/2018

The Head of Department of Environmental Science Informatics and Statistics

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