



## **SPIN – Supporting Principal Investigators - Call for proposals 2025**

### *Definitions:*

*RU: Assistant Professor (Ricercatore Universitario)*

*RTD: a) RTD-A Non-tenured assistant professor*

*RTD-B or RTT tenure-track assistant professor*

*PA: Associate Professor (Professore Associato)*

*PO: Full Professor (Professore Ordinario)*

### **Description**

The SPIN Call for proposals 2025 addresses applicants already holding an academic position at Ca' Foscari (namely RU, RTT, RTD b., RTD a. PA) who intend to submit a research project proposal meeting international excellence standards, bringing innovation within a chosen scientific area, and able to strengthen project management capacities of the applicant for a possible participation in future competitive european/international calls for proposals. The 2025 call, such as the 2024 edition, aims to encourage collaboration with the universities of the EUTOPIA alliance. Proposals can be submitted in all scientific areas available at Ca' Foscari and can have a maximum duration of 18 months.

The total allocation, net of costs for the proposal submission platform and referee payments (estimated at €25,000), amounts to **€125,000.00**.

Applicants who, at the time of the submission, are also beneficiary of the following grants are excluded from the participation to the present call:

- ERC grants and Marie Curie Individual Fellowship grants, including MUR Young Researchers MSCA and SoE grants;

- *RTD-A Non-tenured assistant professor recruited and engaged 100% on projects funded by Italian PNNR*

- financial support assigned for Archeological excavations, under the Ca' Foscari Research and Internationalisation Support Fund (*Fondo di Supporto alla Ricerca e all'Internazionalizzazione dell'Ateneo*);

- financial support under the SPIN Calls 2023 and 2024;

In addition to the above, are also excluded from the present call applicants who at the time of the call's deadline are not entitled to remain in service for additional 18 months.

The maximum amount for each project is **€25,000.00** for a maximum duration of **18 months**.

**The following expenditure categories are eligible:**

- Travel (missions)
- Training
- Conferences (including organizational costs, e.g., catering and speaker fees, hospitality expenses)
- Personnel specifically recruited for project purposes (research grants (borse di ricerca) with a maximum duration of 12 months, and occasional contracts)
- Consultancy assignments
- Depreciation costs for instruments and equipment, for the period of use (excluding PCs and tablets)
- Consumables
- Publications and open access

### How to apply

Proposal must be submitted exclusively online, in pdf format and in English language at <https://pica.cineca.it/unive/spin2025/> Project proposal templates can be found at the submission website. Templates must be filled out in all parts; incomplete applications will be rejected.

### Evaluation

After the eligibility check, proposals will be evaluated by two external referees each, who will assess the scientific excellence of the proposal as well as applicant's profile by applying the following criteria:

Criteria	Score
1. Importance, interdisciplinarity and scientific originality of the proposed research topic against the state of the art	0-20 points
2. Publications, scientific results of the applicant, and experience in projects or initiatives at national or international level	0-20 points
3. Innovative approach – in terms of actions, methods, processes – adopted and project proposal's potential to trigger new collaborative research projects at international level	0-20 points

In case of a discrepancy equal or above 15 points between the marks assigned by the two referees, the proposal will be assigned to a third referee.

A Commission, appointed by the Rector and made up of the Vice-Rector for Research and the Area Delegates, having received the evaluations of the referees, will assign **up to 5 additional points** to the

proposals that envisage the involvement of one or more universities of the EUTOPIA alliance and will draw up the final ranking to be submitted to the approval of the Rector. In case of two or more projects of equal merit the Commission will apply the following criteria:

1. Preference will be given to the project having scored the highest total mark against criterion 3;
2. In case of further equal merit, preference will be given to the project having scored the highest total mark against criterion 1;
3. If the equal merit is not resolved, funding will be assigned to the project deemed more relevant to the University Strategic Plan

**Deadline: November 3, at 13:00 Italian time.**

All proposals received after the deadline will be rejected.

#### **Information and contacts**

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