NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRAINING OF PROMISING GRADUATES DURATION OF 2 MONTHS FOR THE SCIENTIFIC-DISCIPLINARY AREA OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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NOTICE OF COMPETITION

Pursuant to the “Regulations for the establishment of scholarships for the continuation of the training of promising graduates (to be known from now on as PG)”, issued with DR no. 1/2018 of 10/01/2018, which provides for the establishment of scholarships aimed at study activities to be carried out as part of funded research programs, is called for selections based on qualifications and interview for the award of 7 Scholarships, for PG’s from the EU area. The duration of the scholarship is 2 months for the candidates, and the total amount of the scholarship is € 3,000.00 for the scientific-disciplinary area of Medical Sciences, on funds made available by the agreement signed with ACRI;

The requirements for participation in the selection are as follows:

a) Absence of criminal convictions or ongoing criminal proceedings;

b) Degrees in Medicine and Surgery, or Biological Sciences or Psychologyor equivalent, obtained according to the previous teaching order D.M. n 509/1999 and subsequent amendments or a specialist degree in accordance with Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999 corresponding to the Master’s Degree in Medicine and Surgery (LM41) Biology (LM6) or Human Nutrition Sciences (LM61) or Psychology (LM51) or Cognitive Sciences (LM55) or equivalent, or similar academic qualification obtained abroad and recognized as equivalent to the Italian qualification by the competent academic authority.

c) Knowledge of the English language;

d) No more than 30 years of age and attainment of the qualification, prescribed by the competition announcement, obtained no more than three years ago, on the expiry date from the deadline for submitting applications.

e) Young researchers must be employed in research centers abroad at the time of submitting the application. To verify this requirement, the submission of at least one published or press article is required, in which the young researcher is present as a name within the research group or a reference letter from the Head of the laboratory.

Requirements and skills required for application/assessment:

The candidate must be competent and have previous knowledge of the following topics:

➢ affective disorders,

➢ neurodevelopmental conditions, neurophysiological correlates of neurodevelopmental disorders o psychiatric,

➢ biomarkers of neuropsychiatric conditions.
The qualifications must be held by the date of expiry of the term established for the presentation of the application for admission.

Candidates in possession of a qualification obtained abroad, who have not obtained the equivalence, must attach to the application form a translation in Italian or English of the foreign qualification (degree certificate with the marks obtained in the individual exams) accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity of the translation with the original. The Selection Committee can declare the foreign qualification admissible for the sole purpose of selection.

The following will be evaluated as valid qualifications for the purposes of the competition:
- The scientific curriculum and any other qualifications (including a written illustration of the degree thesis) or useful document to prove the qualification in relation to the proposed training activity.

ART. 3. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Applications for participation on plain paper must be drawn up according to the scheme attached to the announcement and in any case complete with name, surname, place and date of birth, address and telephone number, indicating the ID/code of the announcement. Given the provisions related to the containment of the spread of COVID 19 infection and the reduction of services of the University of Milan, it is preferable to broadcast applications to participate exclusively electronically, by Certified e-mail (PEC) or, failing that, by ordinary e-mail, to the address unimi@postecert.it by 23:59 on 9 October 2021 (Italian time).

The application and each of the attachments for which a handwritten signature is required will be retained valid only if sent by the candidate to the University PEC address indicated above. The candidate will have to report in the subject the following words: Pec Application for participation in promising scholarship Prof. Brambilla -cod. ID: 3335_Bis”.

Unsigned or incomplete applications or those sent after the deadline will be declared inadmissible.

The application must be accompanied by:
- SELF - CERTIFICATION OR COPY OF THE DEGREE DIPLOMA WITH THE MARKS OBTAINED IN THE INDIVIDUAL EXAMS
- SCIENTIFIC CURRICULUM OR, INCLUDING QUALIFICATIONS, DIPLOMAS, SCHOLARSHIPS, CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE AT POST-GRADUATE COURSES, PUBLICATIONS FOR WHICH EVALUATION IS REQUESTED;
- AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED OR IN PRESS IN WHICH THE RESEARCHER IS PRESENT AS A NAME WITHIN THE RESEARCH GROUP OR A REFERENCE LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF THE LABORATORY CERTIFYING PARTICIPATION IN A FOREIGN RESEARCH GROUP AS REQUIRED BY POINT E) OF ARTICLE 21

The documentation listed above can be presented as follows:

The academic and professional degrees may be self, (Annex 1). The other qualifications, for which evaluation is requested, including publications, can also be presented in photocopy with substitutive declaration of notoriety deed, pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, (attachment 2).

ART. 4. - REQUESTED ACTIVITY

The granting of the scholarship involves carrying out study and research activities in various centres, under the guidance of the Doctor or Professor in charge of the research, as part of the training and research program entitled << ACRI YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM (YITP) 2019: 11th CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AFFECTIVE DISORDERS “Advancing
Based on the qualification/position in the final ranking, Promising Gratuates (PG) will be sent to their first/preferred choice based on availability and so forth:

- n. 2 Promising Graduates scholarships to Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation, Center Coordinator - Prof. Paolo Brambilla
- n. 1 Promising Graduate scholarship to BOSISIO PARINI (LECCO): Department of Clinical Neurosciences - IRCCS Eugenio Medea, Center Coordinator - Dr. Maria Nobile
- n. 1 Promising Graduate scholarship to VERONA: Psychiatry Section of the Department of Neuroscience, Biomedicine and Movement (Dnbm), University Of Verona, Center Coordinator - Dr. ssa Marcella Bellani
- n. 3 Promising Graduates scholarships to MILAN: Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health - Mental Health Area, Psychiatry Unit, IRCCS Ca 'Granda Foundation Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milan, Center Coordinator - Dr. Alessio Fiorentini

The scientific program of the congress, on which the promising graduates will collaborate during their stay at the Italian research centers, will address fundamental, clinical and translational issues in affective disorders, with particular focus on the following topics:

- digital therapy and innovative rehabilitation (mobile technology, psychoeducation, self-help, information and communication technologies)
- comorbidities, psychopharmacotherapy, risk factors, clinical outcome
- lifestyle, exercise, nutrition
- artificial intelligence / machine learning, big data
- big consortia - European longitudinal projects
- affective developmental psychopathology

During the Congress, through posters and panels the emerging promising graduates will expose innovative themes both technological such as “digital interventions for mood disorders” and both with a multidisciplinary nature thanks to the collaboration with the Psychology department of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (Resp. Scientific Prof. Andrea Gaggioli) and the Department of Cultural and Environmental Heritage of the University of Milan (Scientific Manager Prof. Maddalena Mazzocut-Mis) emotions and cognition setting itself the challenge of delineating a connection between affective disorders, the Sublime and the relationship between emotions and cognition.

ART. 5. - LEGAL REGIME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND INCOMPATIBILITY

The granting of the scholarship does not give rise to social security treatments or evaluations for the purposes of legal and economic careers, or automatic recognition for social security purposes.

The holders of the scholarships referred to in this announcement cannot be engaged in teaching activities, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship.

The use of the scholarship is incompatible with public or private employment. The scholarship is also incompatible with professional activities or paid consultancy carried out on an ongoing basis; the scholarship holder may be authorized to carry out a limited occasional activity provided that this does not prejudice the completion of the study and research activity related to the scholarship and does not result in a salary exceeding the sum of 15,000.00 euros per year.

The scholarships governed by the aforementioned Regulation cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the scholarship's activity.
ART. 6. - SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND INSURANCE COVERAGE

The gross amount of the scholarship, with a 2 months duration, is Euro 3000 for “PG” belonging to the EU area. This will be subject to current legislation and will take place upon the resumption of the PG, based on the activity carried out, subject to a declaration by the professor in charge of the research program, on the correct performance of the fellowship's activity.

The University provides private insurance coverage in favour of scholarship holders for accidents and civil liability towards third parties, limited to the duration of the scholarships and in the context of the fulfilment of the training activity. The amount of the prize is borne by the scholarship holder and is retained by the scholarship.

Scholarship holders have free access to all University facilities and are required to carry out the study activities for which the scholarships are aimed on an ongoing basis, in accordance with the program drawn up by the teacher in charge and under his supervision. Any interruptions to activities are allowed up to a maximum of thirty days per year. Any other type of interruption may result in forfeiture of the scholarship, except in cases of suspension governed by Article 11 of the Regulations.

At the end of the duration of the scholarship, the scholarship holder must submit to the Department a report giving a detailed account of the activity carried out.

ART. 7. - FORFEITURE AND SUSPENSION

The scholarship holder who interrupts the planned activities without justified reason, or who becomes responsible for serious and repeated non-compliance, can be declared forfeited from further enjoyment of the scholarship. Scholarship holders, who, despite having accepted the scholarship, do not prove that they have started the envisaged activity, lose their right to the scholarship.

Scholarship holders who intend to renounce once the activity has begun must notify the Rector and the reference structure. The remuneration paid for the periods of effective use of the scholarships up to the date of renunciation are reserved.

The fellowship's activity can only be interrupted during periods of absence due to maternity or prolonged illness, duly proven, and in any case for no more than one year. During these periods, the granting of the scholarship is suspended.

Upon resumption, starting from the date of termination of the cause of suspension, the activity continues for the remaining period compatibly with the duration of the research project on which the scholarship is charged.

Art. 8. - COMPARATIVE EVALUATION

A jury composed of the professor in charge of the research, who chairs it, and two other tenured professors chosen by the Department will evaluate the questions.

The competition consists in the evaluation of the curriculum and qualifications held by the candidate and in an interview aimed at ascertaining the suitability of the candidate for carrying out study and research activities. The Commission has a total of 100 points at its disposal, divided as follows:

- 50 points for qualifications;
- 50 points for the interview.

The evaluation of qualifications must precede the interview. The score of each candidate is given by the sum of the points attributed to the qualifications and those attributed to the interview. At the end of its work, the Commission formulates a ranking of merit. In case of equal merit, the scholarship is awarded to the youngest candidate.

The minutes, signed by all members of the Commission, are public.

The selection documents are approved by Rector's decree and published on the University website.

There is no declaration of suitability.
The interview for the granting of the scholarship will take place on the 13th of October 2021 at 11.00 am CET time electronically.

The candidate in relation to their disability, must specify, if necessary, the assistance for the conduct of the interview, (art. 20 of the law 5.2.1992, n. 104).

The winner will be notified, by registered letter with return receipt, to the address indicated in the application, of the allocation of the scholarship. Within the peremptory term of ten days from receipt of the communication, the winner must send the Rector, under penalty of forfeiture, the following declarations of acceptance:

✓ declaration of acceptance without reservations of the scholarship under the conditions indicated in the announcement and in the regulations of the University of Milan with the commitment to start using the scholarship starting from the first day of the month following the declaration of acceptance;

✓ declaration of not holding any public or private employment;

✓ declaration that, during the entire period of enjoyment of the scholarship, no other research scholarships and other scholarships or forms of subsidy are used, except those provided for the integrations of stays abroad;

✓ declaration of not holding or carrying out any professional activity or paid consultancy carried out on an ongoing basis.

The University reserves the right to verify the truthfulness and authenticity of the certificates produced and to carry out suitable checks, even on a sample basis, on the veracity of the conditions, facts and personal qualities self-certified by the winners of the selections.

If the winner of the scholarship does not submit the necessary documentation within the deadline set by the Administration, the candidate or candidates immediately following in the ranking will take over. The same happens in case of withdrawal within 60 days from the date of the grant award decree.

Candidates, who have obtained the qualification abroad and are successful, must send the declarations of acceptance requested by the Administration, the official translation with the declaration of value of the foreign qualification by the competent diplomatic representatives or Italian consular officers in the country of origin, in accordance with the regulations in force on the matter, to the requested Office. Exclusion from the selection will be ordered if the requested documents are not received within the deadline set by the Administration.

For non-EU citizens, the scholarship will start from the obtaining of the entry visa for scientific research and from the actual start of the activity.

**Art. 9 - RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE**

Pursuant to the Law of 7 August 1990, n. 241, the person in charge of the insolvency procedure referred to in this announcement is Dr. Anna Canavese, the referent of the procedure is Dr. Anna Tavano - Training and Research Contracts Office - Autonomous and Assimilated Labor Management Sector - Human Resources Department - University of Milan - Via S. Antonio n. 12 - Milan.

Although not expressly provided for in this announcement, the provisions contained in the Regulations, as well as the regulatory provisions in force on the subject, are valid.

**Art. 10 - PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

Pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 196 of 2003 (Code regarding the protection of personal data) and its subsequent amendments and additions, as well as the EU Regulation 679/2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, or more briefly, RGPD) and of the ‘art. 7 of the University Regulations regarding the protection of personal data, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the information provided by candidates.
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