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**Research fellowship on Development of an epidemiological model for the transmission of Sparicotyle chrysophrii in cultured gilthead sea bream (Sparus aurata) - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia**  
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere summary of the main provisions of the notice of competition which is available in Italian at the following [link](#). 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.

**Description**

The Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

**Title:** Development of an epidemiological model for the transmission of Sparicotyle chrysophrii in cultured gilthead sea bream (Sparus aurata)

**SSD:** ICAR02 - BIO07

**Tutor:** Prof. Enrico Bertuzzo Prof. Roberto Pastres

**Duration:** 12 months

**Abstract:** The project aims at the development and application of an epidemiological model for the transmission of the parasite Sparicotyle chrysophrii in cultured gilthead sea bream (Sparus aurata). The model aims at reproducing both the temporal dynamics of the prevalence of the disease in the fish population and the distribution of parasites on the gills of infected fish. The model will be applied in a controlled environment, as a breeding tank or a fish cage. The model will be calibrated and validated against experimental data on presence and abundance of parasites in fish gills, routinely collected by fish farmers through periodic survey along with other useful environmental variables like water temperature, dissolved oxygen concentration, cage maintenance operations, prevalence of infections in nearby tanks or farms, etc.

The research may be carried out in English.

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 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia.

**Who can apply**

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a master's degree in Physics, Mathematics, Engineering, Mathematical Biology.

Ca' Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar. Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply.

**Duration of contract:** 12 months approximately starting: **December 2020.**

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **23.367,00** Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications:** 19/11/2020 h 12.00 Central European Summer Time.

**How to apply:**

Candidates should submit:



1. The application form;
  2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclosed as a one single.pdf file. ([link](#))
  3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
  4. (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) individual proposals having passed all the evaluation thresholds;
  5. (If available) Details of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships, ERC Starting Grants, FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/ SIR Scientific Young Independence Research funded projects;
  6. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: [roxi@unive.it](mailto:roxi@unive.it)
  7. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice [link](#)).
- All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

### How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage ([link](#))

#### Or submit here:

**Link:** <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dais2020bertuzzopastres>

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of his/her application.

The candidate, if necessary, could access the procedures for updating any data and materials by the link provided by the e-mail, in any case any updates must be made no later than the deadline **19/11/2020 h. 12.00 Central European Summer Time.**

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline.

Please note that in case of an high number of applications and / or weight of the materials loaded by the candidates the system might become slower, Therefore it is suggested not to start the process close to the deadline.

**NB:** the University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses, nor for any communication problem not depending on the University.

### Evaluation

Up to 100 points, specifically:

For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.

### Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **24/11/2020 h. 10,00** Central European Summer Time. The interview will be held in remote only. Further details on how to connect online will be published alongside the convocation notice on **20/11/2020** ([link](#)).

#### The interview:

The interview questions will cover:

- Epidemiological models, dynamical models, calibration and validations
- Microparasitic and macroparasitic epidemiological models.



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- Spreading dynamics of *Sparicotyle chrysophrii*
- Good knowledge of Italian (in case of foreign candidates)
- Good knowledge of English

### Information and contacts

Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following ([link](#))

For further information please contact Prof. Enrico Bertuzzo [enrico.bertuzzo@unive.it](mailto:enrico.bertuzzo@unive.it) – Prof. Roberto Pastres [pastres@unive.it](mailto:pastres@unive.it)

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