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**Research fellowship on - *A new landscape for pension funds after the crisis? Lessons from self-employed expectations and choices in the Netherlands* - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)**

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#### **Description**

The Department of *Economics* at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

- **Title:**

**A new landscape for pension funds after the crisis? Lessons from self-employed expectations and choices in the Netherlands.**

- **Academic Discipline or disciplines specifically identified by the call** SECS-P/01;
- **scientific coordinator and tutor:** Prof. Giacomo Pasini
- **duration:** 12 months

#### **abstract:**

Are the self-employed saving enough for their retirement? Are pension practitioners offering them their desired products? Do the risks associated with different products discourage both individuals and institutions? Should one increase their retirement preparation by mandating pension savings? These questions are not new, but their relevance is enhanced by the current pandemic. This is also one of the reasons why in July 2020, the Dutch government has finally reached an agreement with all social partners for a pension reform that had been negotiated for over 10 years, and that will be implemented in the next two years. Studying this process is a unique opportunity to better understand the Dutch system and distil lessons to be applied abroad. The Netherlands has a highly developed pension system, which offers an interesting experimental research design, whereby some self-employed are obliged to save for retirement and others are not. The availability of a combined set of administrative and survey data offers a unique opportunity to monitor how this process affects the behaviour of individuals and institutions. The industry partner of this proposal (the market leader pension fund PGGM) is currently designing an effective strategy to respond to this changing landscape, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam has granted scientific support and De Nederlandsche Bank has given access to their unprecedented micro database with balance sheet information of pension funds, survey data on household and administrative tax-records, all already linked and ready to use.



## Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected

to hold:

- PhD within 10 years after obtaining a master's/specialist degree and within 5 years after the expiry of this call for proposals master's degree in the subjects of the research, or related disciplines;
- scientific-professional curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities ;  
and
- to declare their willingness to spend a period abroad of 9-12 months and be aware that failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the financing

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 on January 2021).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to **Euro 24.426,00.=**per year, gross to the recipient, net of the expenses to be sustained by the Provider. The amount may be subject to adjustment in the event of variations in the law.

**Deadline for submission of applications: by and no later than 2020-11-23, h. 12:00 noon – local time.**

If the deadline is on Saturday or on holidays, the deadline is extended to the first working day thereafter.

## 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. (<http://www.unive.it/pag/28830>)
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. Doctoral degree that meets the requirements for admission to the selection process (**Who can apply**);
6. The attached Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote (<https://www.unive.it/pag/28830>) to be send via email at the following address:



[simar@unive.it](mailto:simar@unive.it).

7. Declaration of availability to stay abroad as set out in the Annex to this selection notice.  
**PLEASE NOTE: *the attached document in English is to be considered as a mere summary of the main provisions of the attachment form that is available in Italian at <https://www.unive.it/pag/15951> and which has to be filled in, signed and attached to the application form too. The text in Italian is the official text of the attachment for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.***
8. (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;
9. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice <http://www.unive.it/data/28825/>).

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website  
<http://www.unive.it/pag/28830>.

### How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage  
<http://www.unive.it/data/28825/>

#### Or submit here:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dec-pasinicruigoforit-02112020>

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 **2020-11-23, h. 12:00 noon – local time.**

If the deadline is on Saturday or on holidays, the deadline is extended to the first working day thereafter.

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 a 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.



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### **Selection procedure**

The interview will be held in remote only. Further details on how to connect online will be published alongside the convocation notice

The interview will be on **2020/11/27, at 2.00 PM.**

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **2020/11/25** (<http://www.unive.it/data/28899/>).

### **Information and contacts**

Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following webpage <http://www.unive.it/data/28825/>

For further information please contact: Segreteria Amministrativa del Dipartimento di Economia, phone number: 041-2349173; e-mail: [simar@unive.it](mailto:simar@unive.it)



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**Attachment to the research fellowship call for applications published under the CRUI initiative Go For it**

To the Director of the Department \_\_\_\_\_

of Ca' Foscari University of Venice

(address of the Department/Centre/...)

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_  
born in (City/Town name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Province/Region of \_\_\_\_\_, Country  
\_\_\_\_\_) on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ taxpayer's code no. (if available)  
\_\_\_\_\_ resident in (City/Town name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Province/Region of \_\_\_\_\_, Country \_\_\_\_\_) in Street/Square/... \_\_\_\_\_  
(indicate the street/square name) no. \_\_\_\_\_, postcode \_\_\_\_\_, nationality \_\_\_\_\_,  
tel.(national prefix included) \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**hereby submit**

my application for the public selection based on qualifications and interview for the research fellowship within the scope of the research programme: " \_\_\_\_\_ " as per procedure announced by call Ref. no. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ and funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research under the initiative GoForIT managed by the CRUI Foundation

**I, the undersigned, hereby declare that:**

- a) as foreseen by the research programme mentioned above I am available to spend a period abroad (at least 9 months) in order to conduct research activities hosted by the *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam / University of Dundee*;
- b) I agree and undertake that failure to carry out the minimum required period abroad referred to above will result in the revocation of the entire funding;
- c) I agree and undertake that compatibly with the evolution of the pandemic situation from Covid-19, the modalities for the implementation of the collaboration envisaged with the foreign University may undergo changes which will be promptly reported by the Ca' Foscari University in agreement with the CRUI Foundation

Date .....

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(signature)