

**Research fellowship on: Develop and coordinate the scouting network for the cross-cutting activity CC1 - Incubation HUB Companies, PNRR iNEST Project, Interconnected North-East Innovation Ecosystem - Implementing Entity: University of Padua, - CUP: H43C22000540006 (Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)**

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### Description

The “Centro temporaneo Progetto Ecosistema dell’Innovazione” at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for 1 fellowships in:

**Title** Develop and coordinate the scouting network for the cross-cutting activity CC1 - Incubation HUB Companies of the PNRR iNEST project

**SSD or Research sector** SECS-P07

**Scientific coordinators and supervisors** Prof. Carlo Bagnoli, Prof. Marco Vedovato

**Duration** 12 months renewable

**Abstract** This research fellow positions is based in the cross-cutting activity CC1 of the iNEST project

### **iNEST (interconnected Nord-Est Innovation Ecosystem) objectives**

iNEST is a new model of innovation ecosystem. Innovation Ecosystems are networks of universities, public research bodies, local government bodies, other highly qualified and internationally recognized public and private entities. They act on areas of technological specialization possessed with the industrial and research vocations of the reference territory, promoting and strengthening the collaboration among the research system, the production system and the territorial institutions.

### **Cross-cutting Activity [CC1] “Support the generation and the development of research start-ups and spin-offs” objectives**

Within the design of an innovation ecosystem, it is strategic to favour the development of a transversal action to all SPOKES, functional for the generation and the development of research start-ups and spin-offs. This action is characterized by:

- A decentralized, yet coordinated, management of the Pre-Acceleration phase, as a course of action entrusted to the individual SPOKES to generate and select innovative ideas to be turned into research start-ups and spin-offs. Decentralized management allows to help the neo-entrepreneurs-to-be (students, PhDs, researchers, etc.), while the coordination allows reaching economics of replication, designing methodologies and technological platforms applicable to all SPOKES, starting from the best cases of each university;
- A centralized management of the Acceleration & Fundraising phases, as a course of action for the definition of the business model of the research start-ups and spin-offs and the management of the investment rounds, to get those to enter the market and consequently scale up. Centralized management of the phases, along which the new enterprises face the real market (clients and investors), allows reaching economics of scale, using methodologies and technological platforms already developed and tested.

### **Research fellowship objectives**

The fellow will work within all the tasks of the Cross Cutting Activity CC1 of iNEST (CC1.1 Planning and validation, CC1.2 Pre-Acceleration, CC1.3 Acceleration and CC1.4 Fundraising), focusing in particular on CC1.2 and the following Sub-Tasks:



- Sub Task CC1.2.1: Engagement and training of the Key Aligned Actors (1 Scouting specialist for each SPOKE) of the pre-acceleration phase.
- Sub Task CC1.2.2: Implementation of the Scouting Stage to attract entrepreneurs-to-be from the university's ecosystems and drive the research effort toward a proof-of-concept.

The scouting specialists will be responsible for the first identification of innovative ideas, research projects and early stage startups potentially interesting for the general objectives of the project. The successful candidate of this call will be the "scouting officier" for CC1 of iNEST will therefore be in charge for the coordination of the network of 10 scouting specialists employed in the spokes of the iNEST project.

### **Research fellowship activities**

The research fellow will:

- Study the literature, i.e. study the current strategies, practices, mechanisms, methodologies and tools already described in the literature, to map the knowledge in the field;
- Study the state of the art, i.e. study the current strategies, practices, mechanisms, methodologies and tools already present in other innovation ecosystems and in other best practice university-industry collaborations in order to map the practice of the field;
- Collaborate in the design of a scouting system for iNEST, i.e. select and define the strategies, practices, mechanisms, methodologies and tools suitable for iNEST, coordinating the scouting specialists of the SPOKES under the direction of the CC1 Program Manager;
- Implement the iNEST scouting system, i.e. coordinate the scouting specialists so that, in collaboration with the internal offices of the universities and in collaboration with the other iNEST partners, they proceed to identify innovative ideas, research projects and early stage startups potentially interesting, and to involve them in the various activities envisaged by the CC1 of iNEST.

### **Research fellowship results**

The research fellow will produce the following deliverables:

- 4 Reports (1 every 6 months) on innovative ideas, research project and early stage start-ups within iNEST
- Report on the design of the scouting system for iNEST
- Report on the level of implementation of the scouting system for iNEST

The research may be carried out in English.

The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue its 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 economic and business disciplines or equivalent title obtained abroad and a professional scientific curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities.

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 renewable (approximately starting in September 2023)

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to 36.480,57 Euros per year gross percipient, net of charges to be borne by the institution.

**Deadline for submission of applications: August 25, 2023 12.00 noon**

### How to apply:

Candidates shall 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](#)); a declaration must be appended in the footnote of the curriculum, pursuant to the Italian DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth. Moreover, the candidates have to consent to the use of their personal data for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and to the EU Regulations 2016/679;
3. The attachments called “obligations and understanding” and “participation and compatibility”;
4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - [link](#));
5. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
6. (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;
7. (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.

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

**Incomplete applications will be rejected.**

### How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available at the following link:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/inest02082023cc1svilcoord>

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an email 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 of **August 25, 2023 12.00 noon**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline (it is specified that, from 14/08/2023 to 18/08/2023 inclusive, the Offices will observe a period of closure for collective vacation).

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.

## Selection procedure

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, the exact time or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **August 29, 2023** ([link](#)).

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **August 31, 2023 (Italian time)**.

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

**It is the candidate's responsibility to check the admission results and, if admitted, to show up at the required date and time.**

The interview may ascertain knowledge of the following topic:

- Innovation ecosystems and for the promotion of startups in the Italian and international experience
- Methods and tools for project management
- The management of working groups

## 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 CESA, email: [inest\\_pnrr@unive.it](mailto:inest_pnrr@unive.it)