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Research fellowship on “Financing Italian agrifood transition: Reconciling old barriers with digital & sustainable pathways” - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions).

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 Management at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites application for one-year fellowship in **Financing Italian agrifood transition: Reconciling old barriers with digital & sustainable pathways**, under the supervision of Giorgio Stefano Bertinetti, co-tutor Anastasia Giakoumelou (ECON-09 – Corporate Finance).

Abstract: Making up for more than 4% of the Italian GDP, a total €64 bn worth of exports in 2023 (registering a 6% growth from the year before) and more than 1.000.000 companies that span from agricultural to detail sales, the agri-food sector is rightly considered pivotal. However, although quality and a robust connection to culture, both domestically and abroad, have long been rooted in consumers' and investors' perception, the sector's journey has been far from smooth in recent times. In an international, highly competitive environment, the Italian agri-food sector appears linked to excellence, more sustainable than many counterparts (including Germany or Spain and several other western economies) and heavily investing in innovation (Agrometeorologia, Big Data, Blockchain, Cloud, Drones, Connected Device, AI, Internet of Things, Farm management information system), but at the same time less financially competitive. The latter may be due to several characteristics that span from an ample fragmentation, severe operational and cost inefficiencies, and low financialization of the players. The aforementioned lead to a sector that is presently afflicted by low returns, long investment payback periods and simultaneous, large-scale innovation investments that further hinder short-term performance. The Italian agri-food players appear to face much lower access to a wide spectrum of financing alternatives: bonds and mini-bonds, crowdfunding, ESG-linked securities and loans, institutional investors and developing alternative investor classes.

This research will explore the aforementioned dynamics, in order to map the current environment before delineating potential remedies to finance the Italian agri-food sector's sustainable transition and innovation journey

The research may be carried out in Italian and 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 Economics, Management and scientific-professional curriculum suitable to the development of research activities related to the fellowship.

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: September 2024), with the possibility of renewal within the limits of art. 2 of the Regulations on university research fellowship awarding, which will be subject to a specific contract.

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **19.367,00 Euros per year**, including taxes and social charges depending on applicant's filing status (cost to Ca' Foscari € 24.000,00).



Deadline for submission of applications: August 23rd 2024, 12 noon (Italian time).

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;
8. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote ([link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: segreteria.management@unive.it

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 on the notice webpage ([link](#))

Or submit here: <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dma-p09-2024>

By inserting their Italian Tax Code

Foreign citizens not yet in possession of the Italian Tax Code can use the following link

<https://apps.unive.it/utills/cf> to obtain a temporary one and be able to proceed with the request.

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: **August 23rd 2024, 12 noon (Italian time).**

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

We will inform that the University will be closed on the following days: August 10th 2024 – August 18th 2024.

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

The evaluation takes into account the criteria and thresholds described in the table below.	
Evaluation criteria	Scores
Qualification, including education, publications, work experience, awards, etc., and tests (if any)	Maximum 60 points; Minimum admission score: 42/60



Interview and other tests (if any)	Maximum 40 points Minimum admission score: 28/40
TOTAL AVAILABLE SCORE	100/100
Threshold for inclusion in the final ranking	70/100

Selection procedure

The interview will be on **August 29th 2024, at 2.30 p.m. (Italian time)**. The interview will be held in remote only. Further details on how to connect online will be published alongside the convocation notice.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on August 28th 2024 ([link](#)).

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](#))

Preliminary inquiries about the research program should be addressed to Giorgio Stefano Bertinetti <bertinet@unive.it>, to Anastasia Giakoumelou <ana.giakoumelou@unive.it>

Additional information about the application procedure may be obtained from <lisa@unive.it> <ricerca.management@unive.it>