

**Research fellowship on “Conversion of CO₂ and industrial waste into chemicals or fuels” –
Università Ca' Foscari Venezia****(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)**

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Description

The Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship **lasting 12 months** titled “Conversion of CO₂ and industrial waste into chemicals or fuels”, SSD: CHEM-04/A; GSD 03/CHEM-04, project PRIN 2022 titled “SCORE2 - Solar-driven CONveRSion of CO₂ with HP-HT photoreactor.”, COD: P20227LB45, CUP: H53D23007740001, tutor and principal investigator: prof.ssa Michela Signoretto.

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.

Abstract:

The project will focus on the development of catalysts to be used in green processes for the production of chemicals and energy vectors, such as methane and hydrogen. The research proposes an alternative approach to the problem of CO₂ emissions for the development of combined and advanced CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage) and CCU (Carbon Capture Use) technologies for the decarbonization of the economy through the reduction, reuse, recycling and removal of CO₂. The synthesized catalysts will be characterized and their activity will be evaluated through the CO₂ reduction reaction. The research will be able to concretely contribute to the transition to a carbon negative economy by transforming industrial waste such as CO₂ from climate-altering waste to a resource.

To achieve these objectives, the fellow will work on three objectives:

WP 1: Catalyst synthesis;

WP 2: Catalyst characterization;

WP3: Catalyst gas phase testing.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a **Master Degree on Industrial Chemistry, Bio and Nanomaterials, Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies**, with scientific-professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the 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.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

- a. PhD graduation;
- b. the completion of attendance of a PhD course pending the awarding of the title;

- c. specialization diplomas and certificates of attendance of post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy and abroad, the carrying out of documented research activities at public and private entities with contracts, scholarships or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- d. at least one publication related to the topics of the call (photocatalysis).

Duration of contract: 12 months, approximately starting: in **December 2024**.

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **Euro € 19.367,00** per year gross of the recipient, net of the expenses to be sustained by the Provider.

Deadline for submission of applications: 05th November 2024, at 12.00 a.m.(Rome CET)

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: ricerca.dsmn@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 this link:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsmn-signoretto-ar-prin2022pnrr>

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 05th November 2024, at 12.00 p.m.

If you don't have an Italian tax identification code, please click on “[Calculate Italian tax identification code \(codice fiscale\)](#)”, (<https://apps.unive.it/utills/cf>).

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.

Topics of the interview:

- knowledge of the themes of the call (photocatalysis);
- knowledge in the preparation and characterization of heterogeneous catalysts;
- Assesment of knowledge of the foreign language English by carrying out part of the interview in English.

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 interview will be on **18/11/2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

by remote at the link:

meet.google.com/iwx-draf-niv

The list of candidates admitted to the interview or any postponements will be made known on 14th November 2024 through a notice that will be published on the website of this University ([link](#)) and on the web pages required by current legislation.

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 the Research Office, email: ricerca.dsmn@unive.it, Ph: 0412348633/8514.

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