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Call for admission to the path in Physics of the Brain of the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics [CMR13] in and for the assignment of financial incentives to support enrolment and attendance – academic year 2025/2026

Art. 1 – Call

Ca' Foscari University of Venice (hereinafter Ca' Foscari) in collaboration with Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA), hereby opens a selection process for the academic year 2025/2026 to identify two high-achieving students enrolled in the first year of the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics [CMR13] at Ca' Foscari, for admission to the path in Physics of the Brain, delivered in collaboration with SISSA.

The joint path spans two academic years, organised in two semesters each, and involves the acquisition of university educational credits (CFU). The first 2 semesters will be held at Ca' Foscari, while the subsequent 2 semesters will take place at SISSA teaching facilities, for a total of 24 CFU.

All courses and exams will be conducted in English.

The 2 (two) admitted students will be awarded an annual financial incentive aimed at supporting enrolment and attendance in the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics – path in Physics of the Brain.

Each annual financial incentive amounts to € 5,000.00 gross of applicable taxes.

The financial incentive may be renewed for subsequent instalments, subject to the students meeting the maintenance requirements set out in Art. 7 below.

This financial incentive cannot be combined with the Financial Aid Scholarships or other scholarships and prizes awarded by Ca' Foscari.

Art. 2 – Eligibility requirements

Students enrolled in academic year 2025/2026 in the first year of the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics at Ca' Foscari are eligible to apply, provided that, by the application deadline, they have acquired at least 18 CFU with an average grade of 27/30 or higher.

Applicants must not currently hold a Financial Aid Scholarships or any other scholarship or prize awarded by Ca' Foscari.

Art. 3 – Submission of applications

To participate in the selection, eligible candidates referred to in Art. 2 must submit the application exclusively through the online procedure available at: <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsmn-sissa-2025-2026>, by 11/05/2026 12:00h

Applicants must also attach the following documents in **PDF format**:

- copy of a valid ID (front and back)
- motivational letter regarding the choice of university degree programme
- curriculum vitae et studiorum, dated and signed
- self-certification of Bachelor's degree with transcript of records
- self-certification of enrolment in the Master's degree with a list of registered grades

Art. 4 – Selection committee

The selection of students admitted to the programme and eligible for the financial incentive will be carried out by Selection Committee specifically appointed by the Director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems through a subsequent act.

The Committee will be composed of:

- one faculty member from Ca' Foscari
- one faculty member designated by SISSA
- the programme coordinator, who oversees the agreement, or their delegate

Art. 5 –Ranking

The Committee referred to in the previous article will evaluate the applications received and invite candidates to an interview, which will take place on the date, time, and location indicated in a subsequent notice.

The committee will draw up a ranking based on merit, on the following criteria:

- academic preparation of the candidate, as evidenced by the curriculum studiorum and the interview
- motivation of the candidate, as evidenced by the motivational letter and the interview

The ranking will be drawn up in descending order of the score assigned by the Committee; in the event of a tie, the younger candidate will take preference.

Art. 6 – Publication of selection results

The ranking of students admitted to the study programme and deemed eligible for the financial incentive will be published on the web page of the degree course www.unive.it/cdl/cmr13 upon completion of the selection.

Art. 7 – Admission and maintenance requirements

The candidates ranked first and second in the merit ranking will be admitted to the path in Physics of the Brain and awarded the financial incentive under this call. The financial incentive will be disbursed in annual instalments as described in Art. 1, structured as follows:

INSTALMENT	Merit Requirements	CFU Earned	Average	Disbursement
1st instalment (Year 1) Payment by June 2026	Selection ranking in March 2026	18	27	25%
2nd instalment (Year 1) Payment by November 2026	October 2026	48	27	25%
3rd instalment (Year 2) Payment by June 2027	March 2027	72	27	50%

Students must obtain their Master's Degree within the extraordinary session of the academic year corresponding to the second year of study. Any delays due to illness, injury, maternity leave, or other cases of force majeure will be evaluated by the Teaching Committee, which may unanimously grant an extension.

Students who fail to reach the minimum performance level required for disbursement of the 2nd instalment will be excluded from the path (while remaining enrolled in the Master's Degree Course in Engineering Physics at Ca' Foscari), and the incentive will be transferred to the next eligible candidate in ranking.

Students excluded from the path following subsequent checks will be removed from the path and will lose the associated incentive, but will remain enrolled in the Master's Degree Course in Engineering Physics at Ca' Foscari.

Students who do not achieve the required average and minimum number of credits for the second instalment will forfeit the right to receive subsequent instalments, but will not be required to reimburse those already received.

Art. 8 – Final examination and graduation

The thesis work, which may be carried out at Ca' Foscari or at SISSA, will be conducted under the supervision of a thesis supervisor and at least one co-supervisor, in accordance with the regulations on internships and final examinations of the degree course and the University's regulations on degree conferral. At least one of the two supervisors must be a faculty member of Ca' Foscari.

To take the final examination, the student must have earned all the CFU provided by the training path activities, in compliance with the teaching regulations of the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics. The request to sit the final examination may only be submitted if the permanence requirements set out in Art. 7 and any specific requirements provided in the call and relevant administrative provisions are met.

The final examination will be held at Ca' Foscari. The Final Examination Panel may include faculty members from both institutions, in accordance with the provisions of Ca' Foscari Regulations.

Upon completion of the programme, students will receive the Master's Degree in Engineering Physics (class LM-44) and the Diploma of the Joint Path in Physics of the Brain issued by SISSA.

Art. 9 – Obligations of the incentive recipient

Students eligible for the financial incentive are required to accept all conditions set forth in this call.

Students undertake to promptly notify the Educational Programmes Office of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (email: didattica.dsmn@unive.it) of any event occurring after the application submission date that may affect the disbursement of the financial benefit (e.g. withdrawal or suspension from studies).

Recipients undertake not to apply for Financial Aid Scholarships during their academic career. Should they have already applied and been awarded said scholarship, they must choose between the two benefits.

Students must renew their enrolment each academic year, paying the first instalment of tuition fees by the deadlines set by Ca' Foscari.

With regard to disciplinary matters, students are subject to the Ca' Foscari student regulations.

Art. 10 – Responsible Officer

Pursuant to Art. 5 of Law No. 241 of 07/08/1990 and subsequent amendments, the responsible officer for this selection procedure is the Department Secretary – Ms Sonia Barizza.

For further information, please contact the Educational Programmes Office at tel. 041 234 8688 / 8509 - e-mail: didattica.dsmn@unive.it

Art. 11 Privacy notice

Ca' Foscari University of Venice, as part of its institutional aims and in fulfilment of the obligations set forth in article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 ("Regulation"), gives you information regarding the processing of your personal data collected by submitting your application to the path in Physics of the Brain of the Master's Degree Programme in Engineering Physics [CMR13] in and for the assignment of financial incentives to support enrolment and attendance.

1) DATA CONTROLLER

The data controller is Ca' Foscari University of Venice with headquarters in Dorsoduro n. 3246, 30123 Venice (VE), legally represented by the Rector pro tempore.

2) DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

The University has appointed a "Data Protection Officer" (DPO), who can be contacted by writing to the email address: dpo@unive.it or to the following address: Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Data Protection Officer, Dorsoduro n. 3246, 30123 Venice (VE).

3) CATEGORIES OF PERSONAL DATA, PURPOSES AND LEGAL BASIS

For the activities of processing of personal data described in this privacy notice, the following personal data is collected: personal identification data, contact and study-related data.

The processing activities are aimed at the selection procedure included in this call.

The legal basis for the processing activities are represented by art. 6.1.e) of the Regulation ("execution of a task of public interest or connected to the exercise of public powers").

You can object to the processing of your personal data at any time by writing to the DPO at the above-mentioned contact details. The University will stop the processing of your personal data unless there are compelling legitimate grounds to carry on with it.]

The processing of personal data is based on the following principles: fairness, lawfulness, transparency, confidentiality and the protection of data subjects' rights as well as the other principles listed in art. 5 of the Regulation.

4) MEANS OF DATA PROCESSING

The processing of personal data will be carried out by authorized employees (in compliance with Article 29 of the Regulation and art. 2-quaterdecies of D. lgs. 196/2003), with the use of computerised procedures, adopting appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect them from unauthorised or illegal access, destruction, loss of integrity and confidentiality, even if accidental in nature.

The personal data of applicants and recipients will also be shared with Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati di Trieste - SISSA, but only to the extent strictly necessary.

5) DATA RETENTION

Personal data will be stored for 2 years after the submission of the application.

6) RECIPIENTS AND CATEGORIES OF RECIPIENTS OF PERSONAL DATA

For the purposes set out above, in addition to specifically authorised employees and collaborators of the University, personal data may also be processed by those who execute outsourced activities on behalf of the data controller in their capacity as data processors (the updated list is available at: <https://www.unive.it/pag/34666/>).

Personal data may also be shared with other public/private organisations when this is necessary to comply with the institutional aims of the University or to comply with legal obligations.

Should you be selected as the successful candidate in the selection, your personal data might be published on the institutional website.

7) DATA PROVISION

The provision of personal data is necessary to assess the eligibility requirements for participation in the selection process and the possession of the required qualifications. Failure to provide such data to the University may result in the inability to participate in the selection process, and consequently in exclusion from the procedure

8) DATA SUBJECTS' RIGHTS AND HOW TO EXERCISE THEM

As a data subject, you have the right to obtain from the University, in the cases provided for by the Regulation, the access, the rectification and the erasure of your personal data as well as ask for the limitation of the processing of your personal data or to object to the data processing itself (articles 15 and following of the Regulation). The request can be submitted, without any particular formal procedures, by contacting the Data Protection Officer directly at dpo@unive.it or by sending a communication to the following address: Ca' Foscari University of Venice - Data Protection Officer, Dorsoduro 3246, 30123 Venice. Alternatively, you can contact the Data Controller, by writing a PEC (certified email) to protocollo@pec.unive.it.

Data subjects, who believe that the processing of their personal data is in violation of the provisions of the Regulation, have the right to file a complaint with the Data Protection Authority, as provided for by art. 77 of the Regulation, or to take legal action (art. 79 of the Regulation).

Art. 12 – Final provisions and information

The incentive does not establish an employment relationship with Ca' Foscari.

This call will be published on the dedicated web page of the programme www.unive.it/cdl/cmr13 and through other University communication channels.

For information about this call, please contact the Educational Programmes Office.

Matters not covered by this call are governed by applicable legislation.

Ca' Foscari guarantees equal opportunities between men and women for access to the selection process covered by this notice.

Venice, 09/04/2026

Professor Maurizio Selva

Director, Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

Signed digitally, under art.24 of Legislative decree 82/2005 (Digital Administration Code) as amended and supplemented

ENDORSED BY: THE HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY: Ms Sonia Barizza