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Rector's Decree n. 293/21 – 28/01/2021

**Announcement of selection procedure for the position of researcher
at the University of Gastronomic Sciences**

THE RECTOR

In light of and in compliance with the following:

- Law n. 241 of 7 August 1990, “New norms governing administrative procedures”;
- DPR n. 445 of 28 December 2000, “Standard text of legislative dispositions and regulations concerning administrative documentation”;
- Min. Decree n. 270 of 22 October 2004, amending the Regulations on the didactic autonomy of the Universities;
- Charter of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, issued by Rector's Decree n. 1/05 of 5/05/2005, published in the Official Gazette n. 106 of 9/05/2005 – Ordinary supplement n. 84, subsequently amended by Rector's Decree n. 33/07 of 18/04/2007, published in Official Gazette n. 104 of 7/05/2007;
- Min. decree n. 89 of 28 July 2009, “Evaluation of academic titles and scientific publications”;
- Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010 “Norms governing University organization, academic personnel and recruiting, and government mandate to provide incentives to improve the quality and efficiency of the University system”;
- Min. Decree n. 102 of 9 March 2011, published in Official Gazette n. 141 of 20 June 2011, “Minimum amount of research grants – art. 22, Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010”;
- Regulations for the awarding of research grants for the carrying out of research activities as specified in art. 22 of Law 240/2010, promoted by the Faculty Committee on 30 May 2011, and approved by the Executive Committee with a resolution dated 7 June 2011;
- Given the Ministerial Decree 30 October 2015 n. 855 "Re-assignment of macro-sectors and academic fields for national recruitment, as indicated in article 15 of Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010”;
- Given the Legislative Decree n.1 of 9 January 2020, Urgent provisions for the establishment of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of University and Research ", converted by Law no. 12 of 5 March 2020;

- Given the resolution of the Faculty Council dated 27/01/2021, which requested the activation of a research grant as part of the Realising Dynamic Value Chains for Underutilised Crops (RADIANT), under the funding program and grant code HORIZON 2020 SFS-01-2020 subtopic c: From Agrobiodiversity to Dynamic Value Chains;
- Given the resolution of the Executive Committee convened for 28/01/2021, with which the information regarding the funding of the RADIANT project was approved and was decided to launch the comparative evaluation procedure for the selection of the research grant holder referred to in this announcement, whenever the next Faculty Council formulates the proposal;

HEREBY DECREES

Art. 1 – Number of research grants/positions available

A public competition for the assignment of n. 1 grant for the carrying out of research activities (hereinafter the “research grant”) at the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

Art. 2 – Progetto di ricerca

- Title of the research project: Realising Dynamic Value Chains for Underutilised Crops (RADIANT) - Programma HORIZON 2020 SFS-01-2020 subtopic c: From Agrobiodiversity to Dynamic Value Chains.

- **Objectives and research activities:**

RADIANT offers a series of strategic and fully inclusive solutions, supported by practical tools and multi-actor engagement methods, to realize dynamic value chains (DVC) for underutilized crops (UC). The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a partner in RADIANT, believes that UCs has a central role to play in the fight against hunger, malnutrition and inequality and that they currently being overlooked. Recognizing the integration of agrobiodiversity into value chains is a long-term challenge and to accelerate change, RADIANT has selected a core collection of 15 well-developed and adapted UCs whose benefits make them worthy and timely for wider inclusion in biodiversity value chains. The conditions under which a crop is considered neglected or underutilized vary greatly, and this alone requires specific analysis and interventions. These core crops, along with an extended collection of UCs, are the cornerstone of 20 pilot farms, henceforth referred to as "AURORA Farms" (representing individual farms and farm networks). AURORA Farms will serve as a hub of knowledge and inspiration for the co-creation of new crop management alternatives, showcasing opportunities for integrating UC into value chains and bringing locally grown diversity from farmers to consumers. RADIANT will communicate directly with approximately 2,000 additional pilot studies in which value chains have also been put in place, by connecting to related projects (section 1.3) and already established European Agricultural Innovation Partnership (EIP-Agri) Thematic Networks and Operational Groups throughout Europe. It will provide a dedicated platform for agrobiodiversity and will take stock of new digital communication routes, social media and other specialized tools to actively attract all the actors of the value chain to the RADIANT network. Together, our partners have links with over half a million farmers through farmer associations across a wide range of cropping systems (organic, non-organic, conservation, etc.), across all EU Member States and the main pedoclimatic (or biogeographical) zones. This will enable the scale-out of RADIANT's activities and, in the

medium term, to engage with up to 2 million farms across Europe, where DVCs are not yet fully realised.

RADIANT proposes a working philosophy built around a "Theory of Change" (ToC) which recognizes the need for an unprecedented degree of multi-actor approaches and whole-of-society engagement and transformative actions to: i) support multilateral learning between farmers, breeders, chefs, food retailers, scientists, representatives of the food / non-food industry and civil society, where dialogues generate appropriate questions and transformation avenues; ii) strengthen the evidence base in multiple dimensions of value (agronomic, environmental, economic and resilience), which go beyond the farm level (nutritional, techno-functional, health) and devise tools that integrate and showcase the potential benefits for adoption in new marketing schemes; iii) identify the governance and policy frameworks necessary for effective implementation of UCs in food and non-food value chains; and iv) ensure that agrobiodiversity is used in a sustainable way in order to meet people's needs and that agrobiodiversity promoting actions are supported by enabling conditions (educational, financial, technological and capacity) that effectively bring UCs on farmers' fields and on consumers' tables. To address these gaps, RADIANT is built upon a partnership of highly skilled value chain actors, researchers and end users, who collectively bring the capacity to discern and assemble the best approaches to achieve truly sustainable value chains that foster agrobiodiversity.

The RADIANT project consortium is composed of 28 partners and is structured in 8 WPs (Fig 1). WP1 is built around 20 strategically selected AURORA Farms that will support the co-design and experimentation of integrated DVC avenues and will feed and receive, from other WPs, knowledge that will be used for agronomic practices (WP2), the enhancement of UC (WP3), LCA development and economic analysis (WP4) and sociocultural evaluations and policy incentives (WP6). WP7 will ensure that RADIANT results are duly exploited and disseminated. WP8 will oversee the project management and coordination activities.

UNISG is involved in WP1 (5 months), WP2 (9 months), WP3 (28 months and coordinator), WP4 (5 months), WP5 (4 months), WP7 (1 month), WP8 (2 months). In particular in WP2, WP3 and WP5, UNISG is responsible for the following tasks with related deliverables:

- task 3.2. Recognizing the environmental and societal value of UCs → D3.2 Report on ES and results from AURORA Farms (44th month)
- task 3.3. Fast toolkit to assess ESs delivered by UCs → D3.3 Toolkit of ES for farmer self-assessment (44th month)
- Task 2.4. New breeding strategies and tools → D2.6 Best practices for UC breeding and valorisation using participatory approaches (45th month)
- Task 5.4. New labelling concept that showcases UCs multifunctional attributes → D5.4 New labelling framework for UCs UNISG (48th month)

Furthermore, UNISG participates with an AURORA farm (n. 15) with local varieties of wheat (70 populations and traditional varieties) used in the participatory and evolutionary genetic improvement of bread with sourdough with producers and seed companies.

The research grant holder, under the supervision of the scientific head of the research program, will focus on:

- o Task 1.1. Actively participate in CREATOR Workshops

- Task 2.1. Gathering genetic resources and related data (Preparative stage). identify, collect and multiply the genetic resources of RADIANT core UCs. Individual owners of the germplasm will do their own multiplication.
- Task 2.2. Characterizing UC collections (Analytical stage)
- Task 2.3. Participatory breeding approaches ('farmer-led') for UC valorisation in networks of small-scale breeders, seed savers and researchers.

- **Task 2.4. New breeding strategies and tools (Suitability stage)**

Per supportare e completare le attività di selezione partecipativa nel Task 2.2, verranno To support and complete the participatory selection activities in Task 2.2, genome-wide association studies (GWAS) will be conducted to provide molecular markers linked to different traits of interest. These will be used for marker assisted selection (MAS) of selected UCs (M12-46). All available genotypic and phenotypic data will be integrated and made openly available at CropSTORE-EU to allow for joint farmer-researcher collaboration and data sharing. Preliminary validation with molecular assays (e.g. allele-specific markers) will be completed. Secondly, RADIANT will develop genome-based models for adaptation to different European pedoclimatic regions, tolerance to drought and other key abiotic and biotic stresses, as well as for major crop quality traits. Predictive models will be created to improve insight into the underlying mechanisms influencing quality traits and for the value mining of collections using two UCs as case studies (M24-28). The predictive models will be optimized to increase their reliability using twin datasets of phenotyping data and further validated by experiments on independent accession. Predictions will exploit topographic, climatic and pedological data transformed into environmental variables. Thirdly, strategies will be developed to increase diversity and to assist selection (M12-M48). RADIANT will develop strategies to accelerate pedigree breeding for inbreeding crops (such as barley, spelt, lentil or common bean) and exploit heterosis for mixed breeding (Fava bean). Using information on stress resistance, population genetic structure and favorable alleles, we will identify complementary inter-pool crosses that are expected to provide substantial yield gains (high adaptation / resistance and high genetic dissimilarity) for hybrids. Strategies will be developed to introduce more resistance to stress using marker-assisted backcrossing with recurrent parental recovery. Breeding partners will initiate crosses based on these novel strategies and reproduce in F3 / F4 with the appropriate selection intensity. Optimal protocols for speed breeding (with light, temperature or plant stimulants) will be tested to enable several generations per year, with applied MAS. For one suitable crop, the development of basic nested associations mapping populations will be carried out for field selection in the field from F4 generation.

- Task 2.5. Evaluation of innovative and sustainable agroecological practices for increased UCs value (Management stage)
- Task 3.1. Recognizing the role of farmers vis-à-vis ecosystem goods and services derived from UCs

- **Task 3.2. Recognizing the environmental and societal value of UCs:**

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RADIANT will use 6 representative AURORA farms to conduct the Ecosystem Services (ES) evaluation: i) it will provide the status of ES on different spatial and temporal scales of farms; ii) provide data for the LCA analysis of WP4; iii) highlight the effect of UCs on ES, in particular for farmers; iv) provide information for the development of a sustainable food labelling concept to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices (WP5). We will work with AURORA Farms with very distinct scales and with a variable temporal scale of up to 3 years. Dedicated workshops at RADIANT event (WP1) and online feedback sessions will create a common understanding and provide input for methodology development that will have 5 dimensions (environment and climate change; health and nutrition; society and culture; economy; governance) and review in a one-year cycle. A list of indicators will be developed based on the common objectives of the partners and a continuous improvement process will be applied. As examples, the ES to be selected for the identification of resilience and benefits of UC in environmental dimensions will deal with: 1. ECOSYSTEM AND HABITAT (e.g. Land use; fragmentation of landscape, forest; HNMF share; protection against wind); 2. SOIL (e.g. Soil fertility; soil erosion; soil pollutants; soil cover; nitrogen input; nitrogen balance; OM loss; carbon sequestration; livestock density); 3. WATER (e.g. Quantity: availability of water; water use; water regulation; quality: N in groundwater); 4. AIR (e.g. use of pesticides; pollination); 5. AGROBIODIVERSITY (e.g. Crop 44 SFS-01 rotation, shared species, rare species, Shannon index, invasive species). Crucial ESs that will be monitored include pest control, crop yield, wildlife, recreation and functional biodiversity.

- **Task 3.3. Fast toolkit to assess ESs delivered by UCs**

Using the same participatory approach as in Task 3.2, we will compile the indicators through a simple and rapid methodology to evaluate the ESs of the selected AURORA farms. Some examples include: i) examining root nodule activities on legumes; ii) study of decomposition using tea bags; iii) earthworm sampling; iv) weeds as soil bioindicators. We will also use tests already developed in other EU projects (e.g. FERTILCROP and CAPSELLA). This activity will provide a toolkit for farmers, translated into several languages, which will help them capture the ESs offered by UCs using low-tech methodologies. ESSRG as a founding member organization of the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) will bridge RADIANT citizen science activities with already existing CS communities.

- Task 4.1. Development of a prototype framework to holistically assess multifunctional value chains
- Task 5.1. Co-creation of an Agrobiodiversity Observatory: working with and for case studies
- Task 5.2. Policy Scanning
- Task 5.3. Farmers' and consumers' expectations and preferences for UCs

- **Task 5.4. New labelling concept that showcases UCs multifunctional attributes**

Sustainable foods must encompass agrobiodiversity and the inclusion of UCs. Under the European Green Deal, the Commission aims to support "food labelling to empower consumers to choose healthy and sustainable diets". RADIANT will support the EC

objectives by generating a labelling concept that promotes UCs, makes them easily identifiable by the consumer, and includes the attributes that predispose consumers to choose UCs (Task 5.3 and WP4 RADIANT-Metrics). Using a survey, the acceptability and readability of such label will be evaluated and optimized. The survey will be developed in English and subsequently translated into several languages (e.g. Italian, Portuguese). The different language versions of the survey will be administrated online by UNISG using Qualtrics® software and distributed to consumers in their respective countries, via email, social networks, websites and the European UC cluster. Data from at least 1000 respondents from each country will be collected and cross-culturally analyzed to investigate the effect of different gastronomic cultures on consumers' attitudes towards the new label concept.

- Task 7.1. Project branding and knowledge exchange
- Task 7.2. Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement
- Task 7.3 Clustering with sister projects of SFS and beyond
- Task 7.5 Validation of Key Exploitable Results (KERs) and Exploitation
- Task 8.1. Administrative, Financial and Legal Management and Reporting to EC
- Task 8.2. Quality Management
- Task 8.3. Risk Management
- Task 8.4. Data Management
- Task 8.5. Establish the secure online ‘RADIANT Database’
- Task 8.6 SOP- and Metadata-library

The research grant holder will be asked to participate in the project meetings and in the training and dissemination activities that will be held in different locations; as well as the writing of the project deliverables.

Agronomic, genetic improvement, organizational, networking and communication skills are required from the research grant holder.

- Recruitment sector: 07/B1- Agronomy and herbaceous and ortofloricolo culture systems.
- Scientific disciplinary sector: Agr/02 - Agronomy and herbaceous crops.
- Scientific head of the project: Dr Paola Migliorini.
- Language knowledge required during the course of the interview: English.
- Facility where the research activity will take place: University of Gastronomic Sciences.
- Duration: 12 months.

Art. 3 - Duration, renewal and amount of the research grant

The research grant has an initial duration of 12 months and may be renewed, upon its expiration, for a maximum of 36 months, to make it a total of 48 months.

The renewal of the grant is resolved by the Board of Directors, in compliance with art 3.3 of the “Regulations for the awarding of research grants”.

The gross annual compensation associated with the grant, net of the institute’s obligations, is equal to 19,367 euro.

The stipend is paid to the beneficiary for the performance of his/her duties, according to the conditions indicated in the work contract.

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Art. 4 – Fiscal, social security and insurance conditions

The grant in question is subject to the fiscal regime specified in art. 4 of Law n. 476 of 13 August 1984 and subsequent modifications and integrations, in addition to the social security contributions specified in art. 2, points 26 and following of Law n. 335 of 8 August 1995 and subsequent modifications and integrations; regarding the obligatory maternity leave, the provisions contained in the Decree by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette n. 247 of 23 October 2007 apply, and, regarding sick leave, the provisions of article 1, point 788 of Law n. 296 of 27 December 2006 and subsequent modifications apply. During the period of obligatory maternity leave, the stipend issued by the INPS (Italian Social Security Administration), in compliance with the provisions of art. 5 of the above-cited Decree of 12 July 2007, will be integrated by the University to match the amount received by the researcher as her regular stipend; the researcher is obliged to carry out the procedure of registration with the INPS independently.

The University of Gastronomic Sciences provides insurance coverage against injury and damages to third parties for researchers under contract during the performance of their duties.

Art. 5 – Requisites for admission to the selection process

The selection process for the awarding of the research grant is open to applicants who satisfy the following requisites:

- a) Bachelor's degree (course of study of not less than 4 years, foreseen by the academic regulations in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3 November 1999) or specialist degree (article.3, paragraph 1, letter b of Ministerial Decree no.509 of 3 November 1999) or a master's degree in (article. 3, paragraph 1, letter of Ministerial Decree no.270 of 22 October 2004). The educational qualifications obtained abroad by the applicant will be examined by the Commission, which may consider them equivalent for admission purposes, without prejudice to the current legislation in force on this topic.
- b) A scientific-professional curriculum adequate to the carrying out of research activities, excluding University faculty holding permanent positions, employees of public institutions, research institutes, the national agency for new technologies, energy and sustainable development (ENEA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI), as well as the institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of doctorate of research as per art. 74, paragraph four of DPR n. 382 of 11 July 1980.

The possession of a postgraduate will be considered a preferential title for the assignment of the research grant. The educational qualifications obtained abroad by the applicant will be examined by the Commission, which may consider them equivalent for admission purposes, without prejudice to the current legislation in force on this topic.

Any scientific production shall serve as a preferential title for the conferment of the research grant.

In addition to the requirements indicated in the previous paragraphs, candidates must have adequate knowledge of the English language.

Knowledge of Italian language will be an advantage for the award of the research grant.

The above requisites must be satisfied by the date specified in the Announcement as the deadline for the submission of applications for participation in the selection process.

Applicants are admitted to the selection process on a provisional basis. The Administration may, with specific motivation, exclude a candidate from the selection process at any time if the same is found to not meet the requirements for participation.

Art. 6 – Application

Applications to participate in the comparative evaluation stage must:

- be drawn up according to the form in Attachment A of this Decree and signed; the forms will be available at the offices of the University of Gastronomic Sciences and can also be downloaded from this page: <https://www.unisg.it/en/professors-research/research-grants/>;
- be sent by registered letter with return receipt or delivered in person to the Rector of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, *Ufficio Valutazioni Comparative* - Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9 – Loc. Pollenzo – 12042 BRA (CN).

Applications sent via PEC (certified e-mail) to the following University address: rettore@pec.unisg.it, by the deadline indicated in this article will also be accepted. The application must be sent from another PEC e-mail account; applications sent from a non-certified e-mail address will not be taken into consideration. Applications sent via PEC must contain the relative attachments and a copy of a valid ID document, in pdf format;

- contain clear and precise indications of which research grant the application refers to;
- contain the address of the domicile the candidate chooses for the comparative evaluation notification. Any eventual variation in the address must be promptly communicated to the office that receives the application for participation in the selection process. The administration is not responsible for failures to receive notification due to an inexact indication of a domicile on the part of the applicant or the tardy indication of the same, nor for any eventual postal or electronic errors not ascribable to the administration, nor for the failure to receive notification of receipt of the application, the documents and the communications concerning the comparative evaluation.
- Incomplete applications and / or those applications without signed mandatory attachments will not be considered, where necessary.
- All communications regarding this announcement are to be sent to the interested parties by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt, by email, certified electronic mail or postal telegram.

Differently able candidates, as defined by Law n.104 of 5 February 1992, must make an explicit reference to their disability, regarding any necessary assistance and eventual additional time needed to satisfy the requisites, in compliance with the provisions of the above-cited law.

Time limits and modalities of submitting the application

The application form must be submitted, in accordance with the methods described above, to the address indicated in this article, within the peremptory term of **30 days** starting from the day following the publication of the notice of this announcement in the Official Gazette.

The application for admission delivered by hand or sent through a registered letter with return receipt or by a courier service to the Ufficio Valutazioni Comparative must be received by 6 pm on the day of deadline as indicated in the announcement notice.

The application for admission sent via certified e-mail is considered to have been submitted in good time only and exclusively if it is received within the described deadline date.

On the application folder, applicants must indicate clearly and precisely, in addition to their ID data, the comparative evaluation process they are applying to participate in (Announcement reg. numbers and the scientific sector of reference).

Applications, academic titles, documents and publications that arrive after the deadline for the submission of applications for the selection process shall not be taken into consideration.

The Administration is not responsible for any failure to receive communications due to inexact indications of the address on the applicant's part, or to failure to promptly communicate changes in the address given in the application, nor for eventual errors by the postal service that are not attributable to the Administration itself, nor for a failure to return the receipt of reception of the registered letter.

Attachments to the application

The attachment modalities for documents enclosed with the application are described in Attachment A, which is an integral part of this Decree.

Information and additional details

Eventual requests for additional information or explanations concerning the modalities for submitting an application should be addressed to: Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche – Ufficio Valutazioni Comparative – Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9 – Loc. Pollenzo – 12042 Bra, telephone: 0172/458514/534, e-mail concorsi.pollenzo@unisg.it.

Art. 7 – Contents of the application for admission to the selection process

In order to be admitted to the selection process candidates must include the following information in their application, under their own responsibility, or be excluded from consideration:

- a. Name and Surname;
- b. Date and Place of birth;
- c. Citizenship;
- d. the residence, as well as the domicile or address, complete with the postal code, to which the communications relating to the present selection procedure are to be sent. Any change of residence or address indicated in the admission application must be promptly communicated to this University;
- e. fiscal code;
- f. e-mail address or the certified -mail address;
- g. the degree possessed by the candidate or the degree obtained abroad with the details of the marks obtained, the date and the university from where the degree was achieved, as well as the thesis title;
- h. Any research doctorate the candidate holds, the date which the degree was awarded and the details of the university, as well as the thesis title;
- i. The proficiency in the foreign language specified for the research project in question;
- j. that the applicant does not hold other fellowships or grants of any kind (*or* indicate the scholarships/fellowships held);
- k. if candidate is a non-European Union citizen living in Italy, possession of a residence permit which is still valid on the expiry date of the announcement;

1. the indication of the willingness (where appropriate) to make use of the methods for appearing for an interview via video call.

Differently able candidates, as per art. 3 of Law n. 104 of 5 February 1992, may request, as part of their application for participation in the selection process, the benefits specified in art. 20 of the same Law, attaching a copy of their certificate of disability, issued by the competent medical authorities.

The application for participation in the selection process must be signed or it will not be taken into consideration.

Art. 8 – Academic titles and professional curriculum

When applying for the admission to the selection procedure, the candidate must enclose the following listed documents in a single package:

- a) curriculum vitae of the scientific and /or professional activities of the applicant which has been updated on the day of submission of the application for the selection procedure;
- b) documents or substitutive declaration of certification, attesting the possession of the doctorate title or equivalent qualification;
- c) documents or substitutive declaration of certification, attesting the possession of any other qualification which might deem useful for the selection;
- d) publications that are considered useful for the purpose of the selection procedure.

For the purpose of assessment, the candidate must present attested documents that certifies his possession of the original certificates of his qualifications, or its simple copies accompanied by his own declaration according to the article 47 of D.P.R. 28 December 2000 n. 445, as its object is to declare his knowledge that the submitted copy of the document conforms to the originals.

In lieu of the documentation, the candidate may produce a signed declaration of his possession of the said certificates, taking into account that, pursuant to the article 46 of D.P.R. 28 December 2000 n. 445, the following certificates of qualification can be self-attested by the candidate: educational qualification or professional qualification; exams taken; degree of specialization, title qualification, training, refresher and technical qualification (Annex B).

The above must be stated analytically so that the commission can evaluate the qualifications.

Pursuant to the article 47 of DPR n. 445/2000 it is specified that all the substitutive declarations made must be accompanied by a photocopy of an identity document of the petitioner.

The publications and, in particular, the scientific articles (press extracts), are considered valid for the purposes of the evaluation, even though they are presented in a simple photocopy, provided that they contain the indications relative to the author, title of the work, place of publication and, eventually, the issue of the journal, the encyclopedia, from which they are derived and are accompanied by a declaration concerning the fact that the copy of the publication conforms to the original.

In order to self-declare conformity to the original of the certificates presented or their possession the candidate may use the facsimile attached to the announcement (Annex C).

Titles and documents (with the exception of publications) written in a foreign language must be presented with a translation in Italian together with a substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety attesting that the translation is in conformity with the foreign text.

The provisions concerning substitutive declarations apply to Italian and European Union citizens residing in Italy or in one of the European Union countries.

Citizens of non-EU countries, legally residing in Italy, may use substitutive declarations, listed in articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, limited to states, personal qualities and facts certifiable or attestable by Italian public entities. Apart from these cases, citizens of States outside the European Union, who are authorized to reside in the territory of the State, may use the substitutive declarations mentioned in the Articles 46 and 47 in cases where the submission of these declarations takes place by virtue of international conventions between Italy and the country of origin of the declarant (Article 3 of Presidential Decree n.445 / 2000).

The qualifications, publications and curriculum of which the candidate requires evaluation must be submitted within the deadline established for the submission of the application for admission to the selection.

The Administrative Offices assume no responsibility in case of dispersal of the material sent by the candidate.

Art. 9 – Exam Committee

For each comparative evaluation procedure, in order to assign the research grant, the Rector appoints an Exam Committee which is composed of three members chosen from Italian and international university professors and researchers, and from experts in the sector in which the research activity will be carried out.

The Exam Committee carries out a comparative evaluation of the candidates based on the academic titles presented and an interview, designed to ascertain the candidate's suitability for the research project in question.

The Exam Committee predetermines the criteria for the evaluation of the academic titles and the interview and makes them public by posting them on the University website.

Art. 10 – Evaluation of the documents presented by the candidate

The Commission through a collective judgement, will evaluate documents presented by the candidates on the basis of the criteria determined in the first preliminary session as mentioned in the previous article.

The results of the abovementioned evaluation and the list of candidates shortlisted for the interview will be announced by publication on the website <https://www.unisg.it/docenti-ricerca/assegni-di-ricerca/>.

Art. 11 - Interview

The interview consists of a discussion of the titles, with in-depth discussion of topics related to the sector and the specific research project indicated in art. 2, as well as a confirmation of proficiency of English language.

The short list of candidates admitted to the interview process and indications regarding the location and times of the same will be made public by posting at the following web address: <https://www.unisg.it/en/professors-research/research-grants/> - with at least 7 days' advance notice.

By law, the posting on the University website is equivalent to an official notification of qualification for the discussion stage. If the applicant does not attend on the scheduled date, his/her absence will be considered as a voluntary withdrawal from inclusion in the comparative evaluation process, whatever the reason.

Considering the current epidemiological emergency of COVID-19, in order to guarantee the health safety of its members and candidates, the commission may decide that the interview is carried out remotely online and will notify the candidates when the indication of the location and time of the interview are communicated, as indicated above.

Regarding the foreign candidates residing outside the Italian territory, and for those residing more than 200 km away from the venue of the selection, the interview can be conducted through video call, with prior consent from the Selection Committee verifying the technical feasibility.

Eventual exclusions of candidates from the interview due to insufficient academic titles held is adequately motivated by the Exam Committee in the selection process reports.

Candidates must present a valid ID document at their interview.

The interview will be held in English.

The interview is public.

Art. 12 – Merit rankings

At the end of the section reserved for interviews, the Exam Committee compiles a merit ranking of the candidates considered suitable for the performance of the specific research activities in question, with an indication of the score and final collective judgement for each candidate.

The merit ranking compiled by the Committee is approved by the Rector together with the issuance of the Rector's Decree approving the protocols.

The research grant that is the object of this comparative evaluation procedure shall be awarded to the candidate who is ranked first in the merit rankings.

If the first candidate in the ranking refuses the research grant, the Faculty Council has the opportunity to propose its attribution to the next candidates in priority to their ranking. In order to guarantee appropriate advertising of the aforementioned ranking, the same will be published on the website <https://www.unisg.it/en/professors-research/research-grants/>.

Art. 13 – Assignment of the research grant

The awarding of the research grant is made official by the signing of a private contract between the University of Gastronomic Sciences and the winner of the comparative evaluation procedure. The contract does not constitute an employer-employee relationship and does not confer a right of access to permanent University faculty positions.

In accordance with the provisions of art. 46 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000, the winner is asked to self-certify the following status, facts and personal qualities:

- a) birth certificate;
- b) residence;
- c) citizenship;
- d) the opening of an account with the INPS for the deposit of social security contributions (registration in the INPS special section);
- e) fiscal code;
- f) current account number for receiving monthly stipend payments.

The recipient of the research grant is obligated, upon stipulation of the contract, to sign a declaration stating that he/she possesses the requisites required for the admission to the selection. If the recipient

is in the service of the Public Administration, as specified in art. 5, point 3 above, he/she must also declare that he/she has been placed on unpaid leave for the duration of the grant.

The status, facts and personal qualities self-certified by the winner of this selection procedure shall be appropriately verified by the University of Gastronomic Sciences, including on a sample basis.

The personal data furnished by the candidates in the application for participation in the selection procedure, in compliance with articles 10 and 12 of Law n. 675 of 31 December 1996, shall be processed exclusively for purposes of this procedure and for eventual procedures of transfer of the stipends in question.

The winner of this selection procedure must satisfy the requirements contained in the University Regulations for the awarding of research grants, which can be consulted on the University website – <https://www.unisg.it/en/administration/statuses-regulations/>.

The research grant is activated without delay, starting with the date indicated in the relative contract.

Recipients who do not declare their acceptance or assume service within the period determined by the administration shall lose their right to the research grant. Eventual postponements of the starting date or interruptions of the grant period will be allowed for winners who demonstrate their official status as working mothers (Leg. Decree n.151 of 26 March 2001).

Art. 14 – Activities of the research grant recipient

The research grant recipient is required to carry out his / her activity according to the provisions of article 7 - Rights and duties of the research grant recipient of the Regulations for the conferment of grants for carrying out research activities. (https://www.unisg.it/assets/Regulations-governing-the-assignment-of-research-grants_L240-2010.pdf).

Art. 15 - Intellectual property of the research results

All research results (worthy of exclusivity or not) will be under the ownership of the University, which will have the full and exclusive right to be able to exploit, use and / or publish them, without prejudice to the moral rights of the inventor / author.

Art. 16 – Evaluation of the researcher’s activities

Recipients of research grants must present a detailed annually report of the activities carried out and the results obtained before the Faculty Committee, accompanied by an opinion of the scientific project head.

Based on the abovementioned report, the Faculty Committee expresses its judgment on the activities carried out by the researcher, which is passed on to the Executive Committee and taken into consideration in deliberations regarding the eventual renewal of the grant.

Art. 17 – Compatibility, incompatibility and prohibition of overlapping

Recipients of research grants may hold teaching positions at the University, may sit on exam committees as experts in the subject, can hold or assume positions and duties assigned by the rector to the extent that they do not conflict or limit the research activity within the relevant project.

The research grant may not be added to existing fellowships of any kind, except for those conferred by national or foreign institutes for the purpose of integrating the research activities of the grant recipient through stays abroad.

Entitlement of this research grant is not compatible with participation in any degree courses, specialized degree courses, or master's degree, research doctorate with scholarship or medical specialization in Italy or abroad and entails that the employees of the public administration must obtain unpaid leave for the period of the grant. This is without prejudice to the provisions of the law that regulates the assignment of paid positions to full-time public employees.

The research activity and grant may be suspended for the following reasons: obligatory maternity leave and parental leave, serious infirmity and the activation of fellowships and grants awarded by national or foreign institutions and permitted by the norms in force and not directly linked to the research program funded by the grant, for a maximum period of 1 year, with the understanding that the entire duration of the grant remains unchanged despite the abovementioned suspensions.

Justified absences of less than thirty days in one year, in total, do not constitute a suspension and are therefore not recuperated.

The overlapping is not allowed with incomes deriving from working activities carried out continuously, if such activities in any way prevent the execution of the planned research program.

However, it is allowed for the grant recipient to speak in seminars, conventions, conferences and publishing activities.

Without prejudice to the complete fulfillment of their duties, the research grant recipient may exceptionally request to carry out external assignments, subject to authorization by the Faculty Council, provided that the activity:

- a) is both occasional and short-term;
- b) does not cause a conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out by the research grant recipient;
- c) does not cause any harm to the image or interests of the University.

Art. 18 – Resolution of the contract

In accordance with the provisions of articles 1453 and following of the Civil Code, any non-compliance from the part of the research grant recipient reported and justified by the scientific head to the Faculty Council, may result in the termination of the contract.

The decision of the contract termination taken by the Executive committee.

The collaboration terminates automatically at the expiration of the indicated term of the contract or in the case of failure to renew the research grant by the Board of Directors.

Other causes for the resolution of the collaboration contract are the annulment of the comparative evaluation procedure and the sudden inability to proceed with collaboration in the research activities.

Art. 19 - Publication

The Announcement of this selection procedure is posted on the Official Gazette, University website – <https://www.unisg.it/en/professors-research/research-grants/> - and the Ministry's website.

Art. 20 – Restitution of the documentation

Within 3 months following the end of their participation in the comparative evaluation procedure, candidates must collect their publications and documentation deposited with the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

The Administration shall proceed to return all documents and publications, unless there is an

unresolved dispute or controversy in progress.

Interested parties must appear in person at the University's Comparative Evaluations Office, in piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9 – Loc. Pollenzo – 12042 – Bra, to pick up the abovementioned documentation. They may also delegate, at their expense, a courier or other person to pick up the documents. The University is not responsible for returning the documentation and shall not bear shipping charges for the same.

After the 3 month period has expired, the University disposes of the material as it deems fit, without any obligation.

Art. 21 – Processing of personal data

The Personal data processing is in accordance with European law, Reg. (UE) 2016/679, and Italian legislative Decree n. 196 of 30 June 2003, and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as the provisions of the Authority for the protection of personal data.

The personal data furnished by applicants are processed exclusively for the purposes of managing this announcement and are collected at the University of Gastronomic Sciences – Comparative Evaluations Office, with the relative records kept on digital format and in hard copy.

Providing the said data is mandatory for the purposes of evaluating requisites for participation in the selection process, and failure to provide them will result in exclusion from the same.

Interested parties are entitled to exercise the rights specified in the abovementioned Legislative Decree, among which is the right to rectify, update, complete or erase inaccurate or incomplete data or data collected in violation of privacy laws.

Art. 22 – Selection process director

In compliance with art. 5 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990, the selection process will be directed by the Administrative Director of the University of Gastronomic Sciences – piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9 – Loc. Pollenzo – 12042 – Bra.

Art. 23 – Norms of reference

Questions and topics not expressly addressed in this Announcement are governed by the provisions of the norms cited in the introduction, as well as, when compatible, the provisions of the Italian Civil Code.

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The Rector
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