

PUBLIC COMPETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT NO. 2 RESEARCH GRANTS, A1-TYPE, WITH A DURATION OF NO. 24 MONTHS, FOR COOPERATION IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON TOPICS “DISTANCE LEARNING”

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THE RECTOR

CONSIDERING the Law no. 168 of May 9th, 1989;
 CONSIDERING the Rector's Decree no. 0010332/15 of March 3rd, 2015, concerning the Statute of the University of Milano-Bicocca;
 CONSIDERING the Law no. 240 and further modifications, art. 22 of December 30th, 2010 which provides for the assignment of research grants for cooperation in research activities, within the available budget;
 CONSIDERING the Rector's Decree no. 2384/2019, prot. 0035450/19 of May 6th, 2019, concerning the regulation of Research Grant for cooperation in research activities;
 CONSIDERING the Ministerial Decree no. 102 of March 9th, 2011, fixing the amount of the grant and the comparative assessment methods;
 CONSIDERING the University's Official Notice Board regulations, as per the Rector's Decree no. 14405 of June 1st, 2006, which guarantees the legal publication of any University documents;
 ACKNOWLEDGED the Boards of Governors' decision taken on April 21, 2020, has approved the activation of no. 4 research grants of type A1 lasting 24 months from 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2022;
 ACKNOWLEDGED that Manager of the Personnel Department confirms the regularity and legality of the provision herewith;

DECREES WHAT FOLLOWS:

Based on the grounds set out in the recitals of the provision herewith and hereafter fully quoted:

Art. 1. - The University of Milano-Bicocca hereby announces a public Competition, with assessment of degrees and qualifications, for the assignment of **no. 2 Research Grants for cooperation in research activities, A1-type, with a duration of 24 months, on the theme “Distance learning”** distributed as follows:

Department	Theme	A1 Junior	Att.
Psychology	The time of distance teaching. Identification of parameters influencing students' sustained attention during online lectures	1	A
Sociology and Social Research	Giving value to the emergency. Quality indicators for evaluating didactic activity and planning educational proposals aimed at study courses and territorial contexts	1	B
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Art. 2. – Applicants holding a doctoral degree (Ph.D) and/or a Postgraduate Medical School degree, can submit their application; when conferred by foreign institutions/Universities, the Ph.D degree has to be validated as equivalent “equipollente” to an Italian degree. Applicants must hold an appropriate scientific and professional curriculum, that must be suitable to the research activities.

The activities and research topics of the **A1-type Research Grants** shall be carried out under the supervision of a Scientific Responsible identified by the Department; the amount of the research fellowship contract is financed by the University on the allocated funds.

The research grants, according to the requirements required of the candidates in the individual topics, will be of the following type:

- **Junior:** reserved for candidates who, within the deadline for submission of applications as indicated in the following art. 3, have obtained a research doctorate or medical specialization degree, not more than 4 years after obtaining the first qualification (research doctorate or medical specialization); this limit is increased by 5 months for each child born before or after the completion of the degree;

Applicants must have the following requisites:

- no criminal convictions or pending prosecutions;
- knowledge of a foreign language as chosen by each Department.

The prescribed admission requirements must be satisfied within the application deadline. Candidates will be admitted to the competition conditionally.

As indicated in Art. 22 of Law 240 of December 30th, 2010, employees of the Italian public administration and Universities permanent staff will not be admitted, nor the holders of any other research grants or scholarships, unless they resign if selected for the present competition.

The grant holder can not be enrolled, in Italy or abroad, in a Degree Course (Laurea Magistrale or Laurea Specialistica) or Specialization course in the field of medicine or University Master.

Throughout the duration of the grant it is prohibited to perform temporary or permanent employment relationships.

Relatives and in-laws within the fourth degree included of a professor member of the Department or the Structure requiring the institution of the Research Grant, or of the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the Boards of Directors cannot participate in the competition for the assignment of the Research Grant.

In accordance with art. 22, paragraph 3, of Law 240 of December 30th, 2010, as indicated in the preliminary remarks and as stated in Art. 1 of the present Competition, the Research Grant has a duration of no. 24 months, it may be renewed once, but not accumulable with other grants or scholarships, except for scholarships awarded by either an Italian or a foreign institution, useful to integrate, while abroad, the holder's research activity. The total duration of the collaboration, including possible renewals, cannot exceed six years, except for the period in which the grant fruition coincides with the doctoral programme, within the limits determined by the legal duration of the course.

Holders of Research Grants assigned according to the law in force will be excluded from the present competition, as they cannot guarantee the full coverage of the research period provided.

The total duration of the relationship established with grant holders as per the present article and of the contracts as specified in art. 24 of the Law no. 240 of December 30th, 2010, with one or more public, private, or telematic Universities, and with all the institutions listed in art. 22, paragraph 1, of the Law no. 240 of December 30th, 2010, cannot exceed the total duration of 12 years, even non-continuous, with the same subject. As per the regulations in force, maternity and sick leave periods do not count in the duration of the above mentioned relationships.

Art. 3. - Under penalty of exclusion applications for participation in the competition, along with the relevant qualifications held and the relevant scientific publications, **shall be submitted online through the following online application procedure:** <https://pica.cineca.it/unimib/bando-assegno-di-ricerca-a1-didattica-a-distanza-2020>.

It is of utmost importance to provide a valid email address in order to enable the registration process on the electronic procedure.

Applicants shall upload all personal and professional data as requested by the application procedure; all documents must be uploaded in PDF format (.pdf). Each applicant can produce a maximum of no. 30 publications and a maximum of no. 30 other titles and qualifications. For evaluation purposes of **A1-Type Junior**, each applicant can produce a **maximum of no. 10 publications**.

All fields in the online application form must be filled out. Under penalty of exclusion, the application must contain:

- **research project (English language), concerning the Scientific Subject listed in the Department attachment;**
- **the curriculum vitae with the complete list of the scientific and professional activities;**

- **valid ID of the candidate to be uploaded in electronic format.**

Failure to comply with the online application procedure will result in exclusion of the applicant.

Prior to final submission, and within the given deadline for applications submission, the online application procedure allows to modify and save the inserted information in a draft copy.

Confirmation of final submission date will be certified by an automatic notification email.

Submissions after the given deadlines will not be accepted by the system, as the online application procedure won't be accessible.

Each application will be given a registration number. For all further communications, the registration number shall be quoted along with the code of the research grant competition.

The online application and submission procedure shall be completed **by June 19st, 2020, not later than 12.00 (Rome time).**

The submission of the online application must be completed and finalized:

- **with the digital signature of the candidate**, by means of smart card, USB token or remote digital signature, for digitally signing electronic documents with a software using a PC or a web portal for Remote Signature provided by a Certification Service Provider (CSP). Candidates with a smart card or an USB token for digital signature should check the compatibility with the Digital Signature system embedded in our server. In case of compatibility, candidates shall sign the application on the server (i.e. ConFirma);
- **holders of server-incompatible Digital Signature and holders of Remote Digital Signature** who can access a web portal for digitally signing electronic documents, shall save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC; the PDF file shall not be modified in any way, and it shall be digitally signed in CADES format: the system will generate a file with .p7m extension. The candidate shall upload the .p7m file on the system. No changes are to be made to the file by the candidates before the Digital Signature, on pain of exclusion from the competition
- **in case the two above-mentioned options do not apply**, candidates shall save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC. The PDF file shall not be modified in any way, on pain of exclusion from the competition. The PDF shall then be printed out, signed on the last page, scanned in PDF format and uploaded on the system.

The University will verify that all the statements made in the application and accompanying documentation comply with the provisions of Presidential Decree n. 445/2000.

Each applicant is allowed to present one single application.

Art. 4. - For the present Competition, the **JUNIOR** candidate will be evaluated as follows:

a) DEGREES and QUALIFICATIONS (up to 65 points):

- up to **5** points for Degree thesis, masters and post-degree courses;
- up to **20** points for Doctoral thesis and related mark or specialization program in the field of medicine;
- up to **20** points for scientific publications;
- up to **20** points for research activities, other titles and qualifications duly documented, patents, conference proceedings;

b) INTERVIEW and RESEARCH PROJECT (up to 35 points):

- up to **10** points for the research project;
- up to **25** points for the interview.

Art. 5 – The Candidates will be assessed comparatively by an Evaluation Commission appointed by the Board of the Department. Each Evaluation Commission will be nominated by Rectoral Decree, and will be formed by three to five members (at least one from the Department) to be chosen from Assistant Professors, Professors (Full Professors in the majority) and Lecturers of the same scientific disciplinary sector as the Research Fellowship topics.

The interviews will be held via Video Conferencing, the date of the interview and the composition of the Evaluation Committee will be published on notice board and on the University website page <https://www.unimib.it/assegni-ricerca> by June the 23rd 2020, unless communicated directly to candidates via e-mail and published on the University website page above mentioned.

At its first meeting, the Evaluation Commission appoints its President and predetermines, according with the Department Board's resolution, the **Guidelines** to assess the TITLES, the PUBLICATIONS, the RESEARCH PROJECTS and the INTERVIEWS.

The Commission evaluates TITLES and PUBLICATIONS, expresses an overall judgement for each Candidate and assigns an overall score.

Before undergoing any assessments the Evaluation Commission will check for any incompatibilities by ensuring that all submissions are in compliance with the laws in force (artt. 51 e 52 del Codice di Procedura Civile; D.P.R. 62/2013).

Candidates failing to attain at least **50%** of the total score that the Commission can assign for TITLES and PUBLICATIONS (Junior: 32,50 points) will not be admitted to the assessment procedure of their RESEARCH PROJECT and to the INTERVIEW, therefore they will be considered excluded from the RANKING.

The list of the candidates admitted to the research project evaluation and to the interview, will be published by july the 7th 2020 (unless otherwise stated) exclusively on the University website page <https://www.unimib.it/assegni-ricerca> and the announce will be equivalent to an official notification to candidates. Candidates will not receive any further communication from the University administration office.

Art. 6. - In order to award the research grant as per Art. 1, candidates should undergo an interview to ascertain their suitability to the research program and the knowledge of a foreign language.

The candidates admitted to the interview must communicate by july 9th 2020 the details of their video conference tools (Skype, Google Hangouts, Google Meets, Cisco Webex) to set up video conferencing. The emails must be sent to bandi.assegni_borse@unimib.it, object of the email: code of the selection procedure.

Art. 7. - At the end of the interviews, the Evaluating Committee shall draw up a report with a ranking for each candidate. Candidates who have not earned at least **50 points** are excluded from the competition.

Art. 8. - At the end of the interviews, the Evaluation Committee shall formulate a ranking for each Scientific Subject, formally approved by a University Director's Decree. The same ranking will be posted at the Official Notice Board and on the University official website www.unimib.it, as legal notification to candidates.

In case of parity, precedence is given to the youngest candidate.

The University will notify the awarded candidates.

The contract will start **on September 1st, 2020.**

For non-EC subjects the contract will enter into effect after obtaining the stay permit (Permesso di Soggiorno).

Art. 9. - In order to avoid exclusion, within the final date of **20 days** from notification, the grantee has to draw up a specific self-employed contract with clear indication of the terms and conditions of the employment relationship to be settled.

In case of forfeiture or renunciation, or failure to sign the contract within **20 days** by the selected candidate, the research grant shall be assigned to the candidate ranking next to the renouncing applicant. The ranking will stay in force for **120 days** after its formal approval.

If the grantee decides to withdraw from the contract, he/she is obliged to send a written notification at least **15 days** in advance to the Rector, to the Scientific Responsible and to the Director of the involved Department. In case of late or lack of notice, the amount corresponding to the missing notice period will be deducted.

In case of serious non-fulfilment reported by the Scientific Responsible and/or upon request of the Council of the requiring Structure, the contract can be cancelled by means of a Rector's provision, after verifying with the party concerned.

The contract is automatically terminated in the following cases:

- winner's undue delay or failure to initiate the activity;
- anticipated end date of research activities;

- winner's suspension and/or absence even if not permanent that lasts for a period exceeding one-sixth of the contract length;
- serious breach of the incompatibility regulations as provided by Article 2;
- negative performance evaluation of the winner's research activity expressed by the Department Council;
- violation of D.P.R. 62/2013.

The assignment of the Research Grant implies to undertake the research activity program as indicated by the candidate, chosen among the Scientific Subjects listed above, under the supervision of the correspondent Scientific Responsible.

Grant entitlement does not imply a subordinate work relationship and does not give cause to any admittance rights to University tenure.

Art. 10. - Research Grant holders not complying with the regulations provided by this competition will lose every right to the research grant by means of a Rector's Act, upon written notification.

Art. 11. - The total remuneration/payment is settled at € **39.708,00**, including social security (INPS - National Institution of Social Security) dependent on the employee, and **will be split into deferred monthly payments.**

The grant is not subject to income tax contribution (IRPEF), as per Art. 4 of Law no. 476 of August 13th, 1984, and it is subject to social security regulations, as per Art. 2, paragraphs 26 and fol., of Law no. 335 of August 8th, 1995.

Grantees' tasks, formalized by means of individual contracts, are carried out under the supervision of the Project Responsible, who will monitor the developed activities.

Any other amount due for **business trip** refund - for which specific regulations apply - should be charged to the relevant allowances of the authorizing Department.

Art. 12. - Pursuant to the Law no. 241 of August 7th, 1990, the Competition Manager for the present competition procedures is: Dr. Alessandro Cava, Recruitment Manager.

Pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree 30/06/2003 no. 196 and to European Regulation no. 2016/679, the processing of your personal Data (received from you or otherwise acquired by the University) is carried out specifically for the purposes connected to the present selection procedure. For the proper performance of the Data Processing referred to in this Privacy Information Notice, your Data will be only handled by authorized employees of the University of Milano-Bicocca by means of suitable electronic tools, with logic strictly related to the aforementioned purposes. The Data will be stored in accordance with the relevant Regulations on administrative documentation storage and retention. The Data Controller for the University of Milano-Bicocca is the Rector, Legal Representative, with registered office in Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo 1, Milano.

Art. 13. - For anything not included in the present Competition, shall apply all laws and regulations in force in Italy about public competitions and the Regulation of Research Grant for cooperation in research activities.

Art. 14. - This Notice of Competition shall be published and posted to the Official Notice Board of the University of Milano-Bicocca.

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