Research fellowship on “Towards a European Observatory for Artificial Intelligence Ethics” - Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia

(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22)

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Description
The European Centre for Living Technology at Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

- **Title:** Towards a European Observatory for Artificial Intelligence Ethics
- **scientific disciplinary sector:** INF/01
- **scientific coordinator and tutor:** Prof. Marcello Pelillo
- **abstract:**

With this project we aim to study the potential socio-ethical impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In particular, we will analyse the implications of the systematic attempt to apply the results of AI in human daily life by asking whether certain uses may in fact represent an assault to our most traditional values (safety, trust, privacy, ownership, identity, reputation, responsibility, etc.) or, still worse, a violation of fundamental rights (e.g., civil, social, political or legal). Further, we will try to investigate how AI-based approaches can shape the study of social phenomena and ethical behaviour.

The selected candidate is expected to work within the EU-funded AI4EU project and to contribute to the realisation of an Ethical AI Observatory to ensure the respect of human-centred AI values and European regulations. The candidate’s main responsibilities will be to develop and maintain an on-line platform, interact with the AI4EU partners to keep it up-to-date, and help develop methodological guidelines for the integration of ethical considerations in the design and development of AI systems.

The research may be carried out in 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 **PhD in Computer Science**.

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: March 2019).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to 35.003.70 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications:** February 16, 2019, 12.00 noon.
How to apply:

Candidates should 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 single.pdf file. (link)
3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
4. (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;
5. (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;
6. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice link).

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website (link).

How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage (link)

Or submit here:
https://static.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/eclt30012019

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 February 16, 2019, 12.00 noon.
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.

Evaluation

Up to 100 points, specifically:
For curriculum vitae, qualifications and publications, from 0 to 60;
For interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on February 25, 2019, from 02:00 p.m. in the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Scientific Campus, via Torino 155, 30172 Mestre (VE), Italy [map].

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University’s webpage on February 19, 2019 (link).

Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a telematic interview.
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:
ECLT Secretariat at Ph. +390412347549, email: eclt@unive.it.

Venice, January 30, 2019

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