Call for n. 1 Short Research Fellowship(s) - Ca’ Foscari University of Venice – Department of Economics

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The Department of Economics of Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, having regard to the resolution of the Director Department o Economics Rep. 486/2019, Prot. 25869 –VII/16 del 08.05.2019, establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowships in “Support to the collection, analysis and processing of statistical data related to educational services for the first childhood in collaboration with ISTAT (Italian National Institute for Statistics)” lasting 12 months, with the possibility of renewal within the limits of art. 4 of the Regulations for awarding of university short research fellowships.

The expected starting date is on June 2019.

The research fellowship is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Department of Economics.

The research activities are the following:

1. Release of data on educational services for children to assess the impact of the various planned and implemented measures for the development and consolidation of the integrated education and training system pursuant to legislative decree n. 65 of 13 April 2017. The timing of the ISTAT survey “Nurseries and supplementary services for early childhood” will be adapted to the monitoring needs through the strengthening of resources and the consequent anticipation of data dissemination times with respect to what is foreseen in the National Statistics Program.

With regard to this first objective, the scholarship holder will have to work closely with ISTAT personnel, supporting and making his own contribution to the realization of the annual survey on educational services for children. The fellow will also be the connecting element between ISTAT and the Ca’ Foscari Department of Economics that will maintain the scientific responsibility for the work and will guide the operations of the scholarship holder.

2. Recognition of the reference legislation for the activation of local and national policies on services for children. Recognition of national, regional and provincial interventions to support the use by families of educational services for early childhood (for example the asylum bonus, contributions for the attendance of nursery schools by Regions and Provinces). Acquisition of quantitative data on national, regional and provincial interventions. Ad hoc analysis on some particular measures, such as bonus, aimed at investigating the characteristics of the beneficiaries and their territorial context.

3. Consolidation and expansion of a system of indicators useful for monitoring the development of educational services for early childhood. Analysis of data on policies for educational services for early childhood at national, regional and local level.

The research fellowship amounts to Euro 18,000.00.


Please note: the date of the shipment is not valid, but the date of receipt by the Administration, which must take place no later than the day of the deadline of this announcement.

Rules of eligibility - Beneficiaries.
People with Master degree in Statistics - Economics or related fields and an adequate scientific and professional cv.
Applicants must hold all the requisites within the call deadline. The qualifications will be evaluated by a Commission that examines the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates and makes a merit rank of them.

Moreover, a preferential attention will be reserved to candidates having:
- advanced knowledge of statistical software
- knowledge of database management
- knowledge of econometrics
- knowledge of the construction of indicators in the social, educational and economic fields
- for foreign candidates, excellent knowledge of the Italian language (in order to interact with the enlarged research group and other stakeholders).

The fellow will have to carry out the research activity in close contact with ISTAT and therefore will have Rome as its operational base.

Short Research Fellowship to non-EU citizens.
If a non-EU citizen already living in Italy applies for a Research Fellowship, he must hold a residence permit valid up to the Deadline of the call. Otherwise, the Department undertakes to undergo the procedures for obtaining a residence permit for research activities.

How to apply
Candidates should submit:
1. The application form (https://www.unive.it/data/28824/), duly dated and signed.
2. A CV in European format, duly dated and signed.
3. A photocopy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).
4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure.
5. The intention to conduct the interview through Skype

How to submit your application
Hard copy of the application should be printed, signed and delivered to Department of Economics, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia – Cannaregio – Fondamenta S.Giobbe, 873 – 30121 VENEZIA:

1) by hand delivery (Mon-Fri, 9:00-13:00);  
2) for those sending it from abroad, by courier;  
3) by registered mail with return receipt.

In cases 2) and 3), the date of the shipment is not valid, but the date of receipt by the Administration, which must take place no later than the day of the deadline of this announcement.

Selection procedure
The interview will be on 2019/06/05, at 11.00- A.M., local time, at Meeting Room 3, Department of Economics, Cannaregio 873 - 30121 Venezia.
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University’s webpage on 2019/06/04 (https://www.unive.it/data/28900/).

Candidates may ask to hold a video interview.

Information and contacts
Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on https://www.unive.it/data/28824/.
For further information please contact Segreteria Amministrativa del Dipartimento di Economia, phone number: 041-2349173; e-mail: simar@unive.it
Evaluation Procedure and Commission.

A Commission summoned by the Director of the Department, who indicates the President of the Commission and the member taking the minutes, will evaluate the applications.

Evaluation procedure. The Commission defines the general evaluation criteria. The interview and any other test must ascertain the suitability of the applicant to the research activity. The Commission compiles a ranking and specifies the winning applicant, having regard to the score appointed to experience and qualifications, interview and any other test, as specified by the call.

Awarding of the short research fellowship Having received the selection documents, and at the outcome of the checks, the Director approves, by his own decree, the classification and the selection procedure reports and makes them public according to the procedures specified in the Regulation awarding the short research fellowship art. 6 and in the website https://www.unive.it/data/28900/. Exclusion is justified in detail in the selection reports which can be accessed in accordance with law 241/90.

The Director of the department at which the research programme will be conducted awards the research fellowship to the winner of the selection procedure, subject to ascertainment of the prescribed requirements. The latter shall accept the award within 7 days from receipt of the communication by signing the relative contract at the competent office of the Department of Economics, which will establish the terms of and procedures for the collaboration and allocation of the grant.

Grant. 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. The tutor coordinates the activities of the Research Fellow and any other research activity within the same program and provides the Fellow with all the information for carrying out the research.

The Department provides the Research Fellow with the needed back-up support such as access to facilities, equipment and administrative services.

The Research Fellowship is not, in any case, considered as an employment contract and the Fellow is not part of the University staff.

The rights for any patentable invention coming from Research Activities belong to the University or entities with which the University has signed (or will sign) specific agreements.