

Research fellowship on “BIOTEchnological tRansformation of municipal wastEs into high value compounds: volatile Fatty acids, polyhydroxyalkanoates, and biofuels (BIOREFINE)”- Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)

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Description

The Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

- **Title** BIOTEchnological tRansformation of municipal wastEs into high value compounds: volatile Fatty acids, polyhydroxyalkanoates, and biofuels (BIOREFINE)
- **Academic Discipline of the Applicant: ING-IND/25**
- **Scientific Coordinator: prof. Paolo Pavan**
- **Duration: 12 months**
- **abstract** : The production of hydrogen (H₂) via Dark Fermentation (DF) of biomass or organic waste coupled with the accumulation of intracellular biodegradable polymers can show several advantages for environmental protection and for the use of renewable sources. From a bio-hydrogen (bio-H₂) production perspective, the DF of organic waste can represent the first phase in the waste treatment and valorisation process. It is important to implement a subsequent bioprocess, in which a new generation of plastic materials can be produced through the use of specific aerobic microorganisms. Looking at the global approach, and in consideration of the different renewable energies available (potentially recovered from organic waste), including the production of bio-H₂ (from DF), could significantly contribute to European energy needs in the fields of heating and transport; furthermore, the production of specific biopolymers can encourage an increasingly lower consumption of non-degradable plastic materials obtained from fossil sources.

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 Master degrees in Science and Technology for the Environment (LM75), Industrial Biotechnologies (LM8), Industrial Chemistry (LM71);

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: June 2024).

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **19.367,00 Euros per year**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: May 23rd, 12.00 noon.

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Candidates shall submit:



1. The application form where the candidate must declare his/her surname and first name, date and place of birth, taxpayer's code and residence, e-mail and/or certified e-mail address (if possessed) and the elected domicile for the purposes of the selection. Any change in these data must be promptly communicated.

in addition to the above, candidates must declare:

- a. the title of the fellowship;
 - b. the scientific disciplinary sectors;
 - c. the possession of a master's degree or equivalent title obtained abroad. Candidates in possession of a qualification obtained abroad must also submit a copy of the foreign title with a translation in Italian or English language including marks obtained, accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity to the original of the translation itself. The candidate who has been awarded a Diploma Supplement, may not submit any other documentation, provided that the DS provides a complete description of the nature, level, academic system and status of the studies carried out. In any case, it is advised to submit any other document useful to the evaluation of the academic title obtained;
 - d. the possession of a PhD, with the date on which it was obtained and the University where the course was held. Candidates must also submit a copy of the foreign title with a translation in Italian or English language including marks obtained, accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity to the original of the translation itself;
 - e. nationality;
 - f. to be medically fit to discharge his/her duties for the fellowship;
 - g. to have/have not criminal conviction and/or being/not being currently involved in criminal proceedings. On this regard, the University reserves the right to assess at its discretion, for the purposes of the possible exclusion of the candidate from the selection, the seriousness of the criminal convictions declared and those that may occur as a result of the ongoing criminal proceedings
 - h. whether he/she received a PhD fellowship;
 - i. whether he/she has already received a research fellowship under art. 22 of law no. 240/2010;
 - j. whether he/she has already held contracts under art. 24 of law no. 240/2010;
 - k. the possession of a residence permit valid at the deadline of the call for applications, in case he/she is a non-European citizen residing in Italy;
 - l. the consciousness that awarding of the fellowship is not compatible with the positions referred to in art. 11, with the exception of the provisions of the Regulations on University research fellowships awarding and the current legislation;
 - m. the preference of the foreign language/s in which to be tested during the interview, if art. 5 of this call offers a choice of foreign languages;
 - n. the possession of the evaluation criteria listed in art. 5;
 - o. the request to be interviewed and take the other foreseen tests in English if specifically foreseen by this call;
 - p. any other item specifically required by the application form;
 - q. disabled candidates, in accordance with the law of February 5th 1992 no. 104 and subsequent amendments and additions, shall make a specific request in relation to their disability, concerning any aids they require in order to take any tests and sit the interview
2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclosed as a one single.pdf file ([link](#)); a declaration must be appended in the footnote of the curriculum, pursuant to the Italian DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth. Moreover the candidates have to consent to the use of their personal data for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and to the EU Regulations 2016/679;
 3. The attachments called "obligations and understanding" and "participation and compatibility";
 4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - [link](#));

5. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
6. (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;
7. (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;
8. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote ([Link](#)) to be send via email at the following address: segreteria.dais@unive.it with the object: BIOtechnological tRansformation of municipal wastEs into high value compounds: volatile Fatty aclds, polyhydroxyalkanoates, and biofuels (BIOREFINE)- prof. Paolo Pavan;

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://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dais2024-prin-pavan-biorefin>

By inserting their Italian Tax Code.

Foreign citizens not yet in possession of the Italian Tax Code can use the following link <https://apps.unive.it/utills/cf> to obtain a temporary one and be able to proceed with the request.

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 May 23rd , 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 qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

The interview will be on June 5th 2024 at 10.00 p.m. The interview will be held in remote.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on May 31st 2024. ([link](#)).

Information

The grant holder must express acceptance within 7 days from receiving the communication and must sign the relevant contract at the competent office. The grant holder will be sign the relevant contract by affixing remote digital signature (<https://www.agid.gov.it/it/piattaforme/firma-elettronica-qualificata/ottenere-firma-elettronica>). In the impossibility of acquiring the digital signature remotely, it will be possible to proceed with the acquisition of the signature by correspondence or in presence at the secretariat of The Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics.

(1) The contract will be considered completed and fully effective between the parties, after the acquisition of

all the signatures and the repertory of the deed.
- The contractor must attach a photocopy of the identity card.

The interview:

The interview questions will cover:

General verification of the knowledge of plant and process engineering in the field of environmental sciences, with particular attention to the state of the art of the technologies and biotechnologies applied for waste and wastewater treatment, conversion of solid and liquid waste streams from both urban metabolism and industrial activities. More specifically, an adequate knowledge of innovative technologies that aim at the Testing English level reconversion of residues (carbon and nutrients) from waste streams, to obtain biofuels, building blocks for synthetic chemistry and secondary raw materials with high added value is required.

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 Segreteria del Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali, Informatica e Statistica Tel 041/2348526 - 041/2348531 – segreteria.dais@unive.it

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