

Call for n. 1 Short Research Fellowship - Ca' Foscari University of Venice– Temporary Centre “Project Ecosistema dell’Innovazione”

(L. 240 del December 30th 2010, art. 18, DL 19/2012; Regulations about Short Research fellowships issued under D.R. 300/2014 of 14/04/2014 and subsequent amendments and additions)

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere translation of the provisions of the call which is available in Italian at the following [link](#). The text in Italian is the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.

The Temporary Centre “Project Ecosistema dell’Innovazione” of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, having regard to the Decision of the Coordinator of the Temporary Centre “Project Ecosistema dell’Innovazione” Repertorio n. 230/2024 Prot. n. 283224/2024 establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowships in “**Art-Based Citizen Engagement for Cultural Welfare and Health**” lasting 11 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 indicatively from February 2025.

The research fellowship is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Temporary Centre “Ecosistema dell’Innovazione”- **abstract**:

This research fellowship aims to explore the transformative potential of art-based citizen engagement, celebrating and leveraging the role of cultural production as an essential resource for welfare and the improvement of well-being and health, with particular attention to mental health. The research will be conducted in-person, primarily in Venice and Veneto, in constant collaboration with faculty and researchers involved in the iNest Spoke 6 project to ensure continuous synergy between the fellowship’s goals and the broader project’s activities. The project will investigate how artistic and cultural initiatives can create inclusive and participatory spaces, empowering communities to co-create experiences that promote individual and collective well-being, strengthen social cohesion, and contribute to an integrated approach to public health. Drawing on facilitation principles, the research will focus on neutrality, inclusivity, and empowerment to guide citizen engagement processes that encourage meaningful participation, open dialogue, and equitable access to cultural and artistic resources. Through the analysis of art-based interventions designed to inspire creativity, social connection, and personal reflection, the project will examine how art can serve as a practical tool to improve mental health, alleviate psychological distress, and combat isolation, particularly in contexts of vulnerability or marginalisation linked to tourism dynamics. In high-tourism areas, residents often experience tourism as alien, extractive, and disruptive to their communities’ authentic identity, contributing to displacement and loss of control over their living space. The fellow will analyse concrete examples of artistic interventions from a welfare perspective, deepening the understanding of their direct impact on individuals’ and communities’ psychological and physical well-being. Using ethnographic methods and participatory action research, the

project will work closely with communities, artists, and cultural practitioners to explore how cultural dynamics can be integrated into strategies for promoting mental health and well-being, especially in contexts impacted by tourism pressures. Research findings will be presented as articles for academic journals in both cultural and welfare fields, contributing to scholarly discourse and practical knowledge implementation. The project also aims to produce operational recommendations for policymakers to integrate health and well-being considerations into cultural policies.

The research fellowship amounts to Euro 18.000,00.

Deadline: 16th January, 2025. In case the deadline is on Saturdays, Sundays or on holidays it is extended to the first working day thereafter.

Rules of eligibility – Beneficiaries

Citizens belonging to European Union member states and non-community citizens in possession of the following qualifications may take part in the selection: People with master's degree (or equivalent) and an adequate scientific and professional CV are eligible.

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.

Skills required

- Professional experiences according to the Call.

Any other evaluable qualification

- Master's degree in cultural management;
- Specialistic Master course according to the Call;

Incompatibility

The short-term research fellowship may not overlap with:

- a) other scholarships granted in any capacity, apart from those granted by national or foreign research institutes in order to integrate with periods abroad the specific activity foreseen by the work plan of the appointed fellow;
- b) attendance of PhD courses with scholarship and medical specialization, in Italy and abroad;
- c) research grants "assegni di ricerca"

d) subordinate employment relationships.

Scholarship holders can carry out occasional work activities, upon written communication to the scientific manager and on the condition that:

- this activity is declared by the person in charge to be compatible with the pursuit of the research activity referred to in the scholarship;
- does not involve a conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out;
- does not prejudice the university, in relation to the activities carried out.

The awarding of the short-term research fellowship does not imply the establishment of any employment contract, nor does it give rise to any rights of access to positions of employment at the university

How to apply

Candidates should submit:

1. The application form <http://www.unive.it/data/28900/>;
2. Applicants must declare in the application, under their own responsibility:
 - educational qualification held;
 - 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;
 - that they understand that the short-term research fellowship is not compatible with the positions referred to in Art. 12 of the present Regulations and current legislation;
 - to be medically fit to discharge his/her duties for the fellowship;
 - not to have received measures restricting personal freedom at the time of submitting the application;
 - not to have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with any professor belonging to the department or facility issuing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors and that they are aware of the provisions of the Law no 240/2010, Art. 18, para. 1, letter b);
 - any benefit under L. 104/92.
3. A CV in European format (<http://www.unive.it/data/28900/>), duly dated and signed.
4. A copy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).
5. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure.

How to submit your application

Applications, together with all the required documentation, have to be submitted exclusively online at the following webpage:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/inest16012025citizenengagement>

not later than **noon time (12:00 Rome CET) 16th January, 2025.**

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their application. The candidate, if necessary, could access the procedures for updating any data and materials through the link and submission number provided in the e-mail until the call deadline expires.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline. For further information please contact the email address inest_pnrr@unive.it.

Please note that in case of a 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.

Incomplete applications, those without the required data and the compulsory attachments will not be taken into consideration. Furthermore, the applications which, for any reason, reach this University beyond the deadline indicated above cannot be accepted.

The declarations made in the application shall be considered issued in accordance with the DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, by candidates entitled to use the simplified administrative certifications permitted by the above decree.

Selection and Evaluation Procedure

The selection is made by assessment of the scientific-professional qualifications, by a Selection Committee appointed by order of the Coordinator of Temporary Centre "Project Ecosistema dell'Innovazione" taking into account, whereas possible, gender balance.

The Commission compiles a ranking and specifies the winning applicant, having regard to the score appointed to experience and qualifications, as specified by the call. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same score at the end of the selection, the younger candidate will be preferred.

Awarding of the short research fellowship

Having received the selection documents, and at the outcome of the checks, the Coordinator of Temporary Centre "Project Ecosistema dell'Innovazione" approves, by his own decree, the classification and the selection procedure reports and makes them public.

Notification, including the start date of the short-term research fellowship, shall be sent to the winning candidate.

Information and contacts: For more information contact: Secretariat Temporary Centre "Project Ecosistema dell'Innovazione", tel. +39 041 234 6990, e-mail: inest_pnrr@unive.it.

The winner must accept the short-term research fellowship within seven days of receipt of the written notification referred to above, under penalty of revocation. In the event of withdrawal, the short-term research fellowship shall be awarded to the next available candidate, following the order of the final ranking of merit.

Publication of the results of all the selection phases shall be published in the online University notice board, on the University website (<https://www.unive.it/data/28824/>).

Access to the selection documents is guaranteed pursuant to the law of August 7th 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions and relative internal implementation regulation.

Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by the candidates in their applications for participation in the selection procedures, are processed pursuant to the legislative decree of June 30th 2003, no. 196 and subsequent amendments and additions to EU Regulations 2016/679. Comprehensive information on personal data processing can be found [here](#).

Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of August 7th 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the administrative procedure for this selection is Doctor Dario Pellizzon, Administrative Director of the Temporary Centre “Project Ecosistema dell’Innovazione”.

Final provisions

For anything not specified in this call, see the University current regulations regarding the awarding for research fellowships and the current legislation.

Venice, 17th december, 2024

The Coordinator of the Temporary Centre “Project Ecosistema dell’Innovazione”

Prof. Fabrizio Panozzo