



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

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)

HAVING REGARD TO the Article 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, and subsequent amendments and integrations;

HAVING REGARD TO the Article 21 quinquies of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, and subsequent amendments and integrations;

HAVING REGARD TO Article 1 bis, paragraph 2, of Decree-Law No. 45 of April 7, 2025, as amended during conversion by Law No. 79 of June 5, 2025, which came into force on June 7, 2025, and which, in Article 4, paragraph 3, of Law No. 210 of July 3, 1998, abolished the favorable tax regime for short-term research fellowships post-graduation, establishing the application of IRPEF and IRAP taxes on such short-term research fellowships;

RECALLED the Regulation for the establishment of short-term research fellowships for post-graduate activities pursuant to Article 18 of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 300/2014 of April 14, 2014, and subsequent amendments and integrations;

WHEREAS the tax treatment of short-term research fellowships is subject to the legislation in force at the time of granting. Even if not expressly referred to in this notice, the applicable tax regime will be that provided for by current legislation pro tempore

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” Rep. n.419/2025, Prot. n.320681/2025 of 18/12/2025 establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowships in “Business models for the reuse economy: local value chains and cultural value” lasting 10

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months, with the possibility of renewal within the limits of art. 4 of the Regulations for awarding university short research fellowships. The expected starting date is indicatively from **February 2026**.

The research fellowship is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Temporary Centre "Project Ecosistema dell'Innovazione" under the project "La sperimentazione near infrared spectroscopy per il sorting di Polivinilcloruro (PVC) e elastomeri termoplastici (TPE) in chiave di riciclo e riuso creativo", Rif. 2024.0031 - ID 54329; CUP: H73C24001600007

abstract

The research grant is positioned at the transition from prior technical scientific work on the recycling of plastic sheets, banners, and signage to a phase of cultural and economic experimentation focused on developing sustainable business models for creative reuse. The aim is to explore, through a comparative, exploratory approach, the economic, organizational, and cultural conditions that make reuse activities viable and sustained over time, linking use value, symbolic value, and cultural markets. The research examines the potential for building local economic value chains around creative reuse, with attention to positioning strategies, market niches and forms of cooperation between cultural, productive and social actors. A specific focus concerns the analysis of existing or emerging business models in the fields of upcycling, social design, contemporary craft and reuse economies, assessing their transferability to the Veneto context. The research explores practical options for reuse without addressing the scientific aspects of materials, privileging collaboration with cultural, museum and productive partners, analysing existing collaborations and identifying new partners in order to ensure continuity of the activity, also through engagement with museums, festivals and cultural institutions. The study includes an analysis of markets for products derived from reused banners, identifying potential sectors and target audiences, as well as the economic and organizational conditions required to start and sustain the business. Activities include the mapping of stakeholders within the regional reuse system, with particular attention to the provinces of Vicenza, Padua, Treviso and Venice, the analysis of artistic and social upcycling practices, a comparative study of existing products and markets, and the definition of business model hypotheses with cultural and social impact, capable of enhancing the role of cooperatives and local reuse value chains.

The research fellowship amounts to Euro 20.697,18, gross to the recipient.

Deadline: 15th January, 2026. 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 in LM-76 Economic**

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Sciences for the Environment and Culture (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

- Strong analytical skills applied to the study of business models, markets, and economic value chains in the cultural sector, combined with autonomy in producing research outputs (analyses, reports, executive summaries);
- Ability to work independently within a structured research framework, meeting deadlines and objectives;
- Inclination toward collaborative research and constructive dialogue with cultural and productive stakeholders.
- Preferable experience in case study work, territorial mapping, and comparative analysis, as well as familiarity with complex project contexts in the cultural and creative industries.

Any other evaluable qualifications

- At least one year of research experience within complex projects in the cultural and creative sector, preferably at national or European level;
- Participation in summer schools, advanced training courses, graduation awards, and research fellowships aligned with the themes of reuse economy, cultural business models, or social economies.

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”

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Fellowship holders may carry out self-employed work or occasional or permanent collaborations, as long as this is coherent with the ongoing research, upon approval and on the condition that:

- 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.

Subordinate employment contracts holders, in addition to obtaining permission by the university, must provide the authorization of their employer.

In the specific case that the subordinate employment contract started prior to the awarding of the fellowship, compatibility with the existing employment will have to be assessed; if the assessment yields a negative result, the short research fellowship will not be awarded; in the case of a positive result, the successful candidate will have to provide the authorization of his/her employer within 15 days.

In the event that the subordinate employment contract will start once the fellowship is ongoing, the successful applicant is required to notify this change at least 30 days before the start of the employment contract for an assessment of compatibility; if the assessment is negative, the fellowship will cease by the start of the employment contract; in the event of a positive outcome, the successful applicant must provide the authorization of his/her employer within 15 days.

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;
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, duly dated and signed.
4. A copy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).

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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/inest15012026modellidibusiness>

not later than **noon time (12:00 Rome CET) 15th January, 2026**.

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 of the candidates, by a Selection Committee appointed by order of the Coordinator of the 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

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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.

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

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 Doct.Dario Pellizzon, Director of CENTRO EROGAZIONE SERVIZI DI ATENEO (CESA).

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, 22nd December, 2025

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