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Law No. 240/2010**

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Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 3 of 10 January 1957, Consolidated Text of Provisions concerning the Status of Civil Servants of the State;

Having regard to Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended, "New rules on administrative procedure and the right of access to administrative documents";

Having regard to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended, "Framework law for the assistance, social integration, and rights of persons with disabilities";

Having regard to Prime Ministerial Decree No. 174 of 7 February 1994, as amended, "Regulation setting forth rules on access by citizens of European Union Member States to employment in public administrations";

Having regard to Law No. 449 of 27 December 1997, as amended, "Measures for the Stabilization of Public Finance";

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended, "Consolidated Text of Legislative and Regulatory Provisions on Administrative Documentation

(Text A)”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001, as amended, “General Rules Governing the Organization of Employment in Public Administrations”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 368 of 6 September 2001, as amended, “Implementation of Directive 1999/70/EC concerning the framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by UNICE, CEEP, and ETUC”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended, “Personal Data Protection Code, containing provisions to align national legislation with Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, repealing Directive 95/46/EC”;

Having regard to Law No. 106 of 15 April 2004, as amended, “Provisions concerning the legal deposit of documents of cultural interest intended for public use”;

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 68 of 11 February 2005, as amended, “Regulation containing provisions on the use of certified electronic mail, pursuant to Article 27 of Law No. 3 of 16 January 2003”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 82 of 7 March 2005, as amended, “Digital Administration Code”;

Having regard to Commission Recommendation No. 2005/251/EC of 11 March 2005, as amended, “Commission Recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 198 of 11 April 2006, as amended, “Equal Opportunities Code between Women and Men, pursuant to Article 6 of Law No. 246 of 28 November 2005”;

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 252 of 3 May 2006, as amended, “Regulation laying down provisions on the legal deposit of documents of cultural interest intended for public use”;

Having regard to Law No. 1 of 9 January 2009, as amended, “Conversion into law, with amendments, of Decree-Law No. 180 of 10 November 2008, containing urgent provisions on the right to education, enhancement of merit, and quality of the university and research system”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 150 of 27 October 2009, “Implementation of Law No. 15 of 4 March 2009 on the optimization of public sector labour productivity and on the efficiency and transparency of public administrations”;

Having regard to Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, as subsequently amended and supplemented, “Provisions on the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, as well as delegation to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system,” in particular Article 22 as amended by Decree-Law No. 36/2022, converted into Law No. 79/2022;

Having regard to MIUR Note No. 818 of 25 May 2011 concerning the procedure for the publication of calls;

Having regard to Law No. 183 of 12 November 2011, “Provisions for the preparation of the annual and multiannual State budget (Stability Law 2012),” as subsequently amended and supplemented, in particular Article 15, entitled “Provisions on certificates and substitute declarations and prohibition of introducing, when implementing EU directives, requirements beyond those laid down in the directives themselves”;

Having regard to Law No. 190 of 6 November 2012, as amended, “Provisions for the prevention and repression of corruption and unlawful conduct in public administration”;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 33 of 14 March 2013, as amended, “Reorganization of the regulations concerning the right of civic access and the obligations of publicity, transparency, and dissemination of information by public administrations”;

Having regard to Law No. 300 of 20 May 1970, “Provisions on the protection of the freedom and dignity of workers, trade union freedom and activity in the workplace, and employment regulations,” in particular Article 7;

HAVING REGARD TO the current National Collective Labour Agreement (CCNL) for the Education and Research sector – three-year period 2019–2021, in particular Articles 22 to 29 of the Common Section;

HAVING REGARD TO the Contract concerning the contractual sequence on the research contract pursuant to Article 22 of Law No. 240/2010 (Article 178, paragraph 1, letter g of the CCNL dated 18 January 2024), signed on 18 March 2025;

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 62 of 16 April 2013, as amended, "Regulation containing the Code of Conduct for Public Employees, pursuant to Article 54 of Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001";

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, "Regulation of the European Parliament on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) (Text relevant for the EEA)", published in the Official Journal of the European Union No. L 119 of 4 May 2016;

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, "Provisions for the adaptation of national legislation to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR)";

Having regard to Judgment No. 78 of 6 March 2019 of the Constitutional Court;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 1 of 9 January 2020, converted with amendments by Law No. 12 of 5 March 2020, and in particular Article 1, which established the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Universities and Research, resulting in the abolition of the former Ministry of Education, Universities and Research;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 76 of 16 July 2020, "Urgent measures for simplification and digital innovation," published in the Official Gazette of 16 July 2020, No. 178, Extraordinary Supplement, and converted with amendments by Law No. 120 of 11 September 2020;

Having regard to Law No. 213 of 30 December 2023, "State Budget for the financial year 2024 and multi-year budget for the three-year period 2024–2026," published in the Official Gazette – General Series – No. 303 of 30 December 2023, Extraordinary Supplement;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 225 of 30 December 2023 (so-called "Milleproroghe Decree 2024"), "Urgent provisions on legislative deadlines," published in Official Gazette No. 303 of 30 December 2023, converted with amendments into Law No. 18 of 23 February 2024;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 202 of 27 December 2024 (so-called "Milleproroghe Decree 2024"), "Urgent provisions on regulatory deadlines," published in the Official Gazette – General Series – No. 302 of 27 December 2024, converted with amendments into Law No. 15 of 21 February 2025, published in the Official Gazette – General Series – No. 45 of 24 February 2025, and entered into force on 25 February 2025;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 36 of 30 April 2022 – converted into Law No. 79/2022 – reforming the regulations on the recruitment of university personnel, which entered into force on 30 June 2022 – Article 14, paragraph 6-septies, states: "*Article 22 (Research Contracts). – 1. Universities, public research bodies, and institutions whose advanced scientific qualification has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of 11 July 1980, may enter into fixed-term employment contracts, known as "research contracts," exclusively for the implementation of specific research projects. These contracts may be fully or partially funded through internal resources or by third-party entities, whether public or private, on the basis of specific agreements or conventions...*";

Having regard to MUR Note AOODGFIS – Directorate-General for the Planning, Coordination and Financing of Higher Education Institutions dated 8 July 2022, containing clarifications concerning Decree-Law No. 36/2022 and its conversion into law, recorded in the University's protocol with No. 50360 of 11 July 2022, whereby Article 14, paragraph 6-septies, fully rewrote Article 22 of Law No. 240 of 2010, introducing the new category of research contracts: "*Research contracts have a duration of two years. If they relate to research projects of national, European, or international relevance, the duration may be extended by one additional year, resulting in a total duration of three years. In any case, individual contracts may be renewed only once for an additional two years, and the maximum cumulative duration for holding research contracts, including those with different institutions, may not exceed five years. Pursuant to the new paragraph 4 of Article 22, only those who hold (or are in the process of obtaining, pursuant to the second sentence of the aforementioned paragraph 4) a PhD degree or, where applicable, a*

medical specialization degree may be eligible for such contracts.”

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 456 of 10 May 2023, “Definition of the correspondence table between Italian and foreign academic positions pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 1, letter b) of Law No. 240/2010”;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 51 of 10 May 2023, “Urgent provisions concerning the administration of public entities, legislative deadlines, and social solidarity initiatives,” converted with amendments by Law No. 87 of 3 July 2023 (Official Gazette No. 155 of 5 July 2023);

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 639 of 2 May 2024, “Determination of scientific-disciplinary groups and their descriptions, as well as the rationalisation and updating of scientific-disciplinary sectors and their assignment to the relevant groups,” in particular Article 1, paragraph 5, which states: “*Scientific-disciplinary groups shall be used for the purposes of the procedures set out in Articles 16, 18, and 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, for the classification of full and associate professors and researchers, and shall serve as a reference for the fulfilment of teaching obligations by professors and researchers. Scientific-disciplinary groups shall also be used for other purposes provided for by law*”;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 25 of 14 March 2025, published in Official Gazette No. 61 of 14 March 2025, converted with amendments by Law No. 69 of 9 May 2025, which amended Article 38, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001 – “Urgent provisions on recruitment and functionality of public administrations” – in particular Article 3, paragraph 1, letter f);

Having regard to the judgment of the Regional Administrative Court (TAR) of Pescara No. 252/2021, issued in relation to the University of Chieti-Pescara, which states that “the eligibility requirements must be maintained and verified not only at the time of application, but throughout the entire procedure, since their absence must result in exclusion at any time until its conclusion”;

Whereas the Statute of the “Gabriele d’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 425 of 14 March 2012 and subsequently amended;

Whereas the “Regulations on the academic duties of professors and researchers, procedures for self-certification, verification and evaluation of teaching and student service duties, as well as verification of research activity,” issued by Rectoral Decree No. 597 of 15 February 2017, as last amended by Rectoral Decree No. 631 of 20 May 2021;

Whereas the “Regulations for the online conduct of collegial meetings in recruitment and selection procedures for personnel,” issued by Rectoral Decree No. 953 of 16 June 2022;

Whereas the “University Regulations for the Award of Research Contracts,” issued by Emergency Rectoral Decree No. 486/2025, protocol No. 26603 of 4 April 2025;

Having regard to the emergency decree of the Director of the Department of Economics, Rep. No. 1/2026, Prot. No. 54 of 12/01/2026, recorded in the University’s general register under Prot. No. 1518 of 12/01/2026, requesting the activation of the selection procedure for the award of No. 1 Research Contract under Grant Number 101138548 (“Call: HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01; Topic: HORIZON-CL4-2023-RESILIENCE-01-22; Type of action: HORIZON-RIA”);

Acknowledging that the activation of the Research Contract, as set out in the table attached (Annex 1) to this call, was approved by the Academic Senate on 10 February 2026 and authorized by the Board of Directors at its meeting of 24 February 2026;

Whereas the use of the masculine gender in this document is to be understood as inclusive of all genders and is adopted solely for the sake of textual simplicity;

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 639 of 2 May 2024, all references to Scientific Sectors (S.C.) contained in this call shall be understood as referring to the corresponding Scientific-Disciplinary Groups (GSD);

Should the funding body request the University to return the amounts granted under the contract due to non-compliance with research obligations attributable to the Contractor, the University shall recover the same amount directly from the recipient.

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ART. 1 – Subject of the Call for Applications

A selection procedure is hereby authorized and announced, based on a comparative evaluation, for the award of No. 1 Research Contract pursuant to Article 22 of Law No. 240/2010, as amended by Decree-Law No. 36/2022, converted with amendments into Law No. 79/2022, as specified in Annex No. 1 (Project Description Form), which forms an integral part of this call.

The selection shall be carried out through comparative evaluation. The assessment criteria and the interview procedures are specified in this call for applications.

The venue where the interview will be held, or the link for candidates to join the online session via Microsoft Teams, will be provided in the minutes of the first meeting of the Selection Committee.

Should the funding body request the University to return the amounts granted under the contract due to non-fulfilment of research obligations attributable to the Contractor, the University shall recover the same amount directly from the recipient.

ART. 2 – General Admission Requirements

Candidates may participate in the selection process if they meet the following requirements:

- a doctoral degree (PhD) or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent by the Selection Committee; alternatively, for the relevant subject areas, a medical specialization diploma.

Candidates enrolled in the third year of a PhD programme or in the final year of a medical specialization programme may also apply, provided that the award of the qualification is expected within six months from the date of publication of this call for applications.

The qualification required for admission must be obtained within the time limits set out in this call and, in any case, must be held at the time of signing the employment contract.

Successful candidates who do not already hold a formal recognition (equivalence or comparability) of their foreign academic qualification are required, under penalty of forfeiture, to submit an application for recognition to the Ministry of Universities and Research or the Ministry of Education and Merit within fifteen days from the publication of the final ranking list. Further information is available on the website of the Minister for Public Administration at the following link: <https://www.funzionepubblica.gov.it/it/il-dipartimento/documentazione/moduli-equivalenza-titoli-distudio/>

Candidates who already hold a formal recognition decision of their foreign academic qualification (equivalence or comparability) must attach the relevant document at the time of submitting their application. Alternatively, candidates may self-certify possession of such recognition pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, without prejudice to the Administration's right to carry out checks—including random checks—on the truthfulness of the declarations submitted.

In the case of a medical specialization obtained abroad, a declaration must be provided indicating the details of the recognition decree and the corresponding Italian academic qualification issued pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 162 of 10 March 1982. Pending the issuance of the recognition decree by the competent authorities, the candidate is required to indicate the details of the receipt confirming submission of the relevant application (for the procedure, please refer to: <http://www.salute.gov.it/ProfessioniSanitariePubblico/>). In such cases, the candidate shall be admitted to the selection procedure conditionally and, if declared successful, must submit the

recognition decree no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of notification of the decree approving the selection results issued by the University. Failure to comply within the prescribed time limit shall result in automatic exclusion from the procedure.

The following individuals are not eligible to participate in the selection procedure:

a) permanent staff employed on an open-ended basis by universities, public research bodies, or institutions whose diploma of advanced scientific training has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD pursuant to Article 74, paragraph 4, of Presidential Decree No. 382/1980;

b) individuals who have previously held fixed-term researcher contracts (RTT) pursuant to Article 24 of Law No. 240/2010, as amended by Law No. 79/2022 converting Decree-Law No. 36/2022;

c) individuals who have a family relationship by blood or marriage up to and including the fourth degree with a professor affiliated with the Department that proposed the activation of the contract, or with the Rector, the General Director, or a member of the Board of Directors of Ud'A.

Exclusion from the selection procedure may be ordered at any time by reasoned decree of the Rector, which shall be notified to the individual concerned.

At the time of signing the contract, the appointee must submit a specific declaration certifying the absence of any incompatibility.

The University guarantees equality and equal opportunities between women and men in access to employment and working conditions.

Candidates must meet the admission requirements as of the date of submission of their application. They are also required to promptly notify any subsequent changes affecting their eligibility. The requirements must be reconfirmed at the time of hiring.

For employees of public administrations with fixed-term or open-ended employment contracts, in the event of successful selection, the incompatibilities provided for by current legislation and the relevant National Collective Labour Agreement (CCNL) shall continue to apply.

ART. 3 – Application, Submission Procedures, and Deadlines

Applications must preferably be submitted using the template attached to this selection procedure (Annex A), through the online procedure indicated below, by accessing the PICA platform and including all the information that, under current regulations, candidates are required to provide. The Administration shall not be held responsible for any failure in communication due to incorrect contact details provided by the candidate or failure to notify any changes to the address indicated in the application in a timely manner.

In the application, candidates must declare, under their own responsibility and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure:

- full name and tax identification code;
- date and place of birth.

- 1) if Italian citizens, the municipality in which they are registered on the electoral roll, or the reasons for non-registration or removal from said lists;
- 2) that they have no criminal convictions, or, if applicable, any criminal convictions, specifying the relevant court rulings (even in cases of amnesty, pardon, commutation, judicial clemency, or plea

bargaining), as well as any ongoing criminal proceedings to their knowledge or pending against them, indicating the relevant judicial authority and the provisions presumed to have been violated;
3) that they hold a doctoral degree (PhD) or an equivalent qualification, obtained in Italy or abroad;
4) preferably, a certified email address (PEC) to which all communications regarding this selection procedure should be sent, or alternatively, a postal address, including postal code, to which such communications should be directed;

5) foreign nationals must also declare that they enjoy civil and political rights in their country of citizenship or origin, or specify the reasons for not enjoying such rights, and that they possess an adequate knowledge of the Italian language;

6) their position with respect to military service obligations (if applicable);

7) the specific research contract for which they intend to apply;

8) that they are not permanent staff employed on an open-ended contract by universities, public research bodies, or institutions whose diploma of scientific specialization has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD pursuant to Article 74, paragraph 4, of Presidential Decree No. 382/1980;

9) that they have not previously benefited from fixed-term research contracts (RTT) pursuant to Article 24 of Law No. 240/2010, as amended by Law No. 79/2022 converting Decree-Law No. 36/2022;

10) that they have no family relationship by blood or marriage up to and including the fourth degree with any professor or researcher belonging to the Department or structure that requested the activation of the position and where the research activity will take place, nor with the Rector, the General Director, or any member of the University's Board of Directors;

11) that they have not previously benefited from contracts under Article 22 of Law No. 240/2010, as amended by Law No. 79/2022, for a period which, when added to the duration of the contract offered under this call, would exceed a total of five years, even if non-consecutive.

Periods of leave for maternity or health reasons, as provided for under applicable legislation, shall not be counted toward the total duration of such contracts;

That the applicant shall declare any existing or previous contractual relationships with the entities referred to in Article 22, in the form of fixed-term research contracts, by specifying in detail the contracting entity, the type of contract, and its exact duration;

12) that they are aware that the "G. d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara will process the personal data contained in the application for the purposes of managing the selection procedure, in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation No. 679/2016, having read Annex D, which forms an integral part of this call;

13) any declaration regarding employment with a Public Administration, specifying the type of employment relationship;

- fixed-term employment;
- open-ended (permanent) employment;
- quasi-subordinate employment under contract.

The application must be submitted for the specific research programme the applicant intends to participate in.

Candidates with disabilities, pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, must explicitly request any necessary assistance or support required to take part in the interview, in relation to their specific condition.

Application Submission Procedures:

The application for participation, as well as the required qualifications and documents, must be submitted exclusively online, under penalty of exclusion, through the dedicated platform available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unich/>, in accordance with the procedures specified therein, by accessing via:

- SPID (Public Digital Identity System);

- LOGIN MIUR / REPRISE / REFEREES account;
- Creation of a new account, if the applicant does not already possess one of the above.

L'applicazione The online application system requires a valid email address in order to complete self-registration. Candidates must enter all required information for the submission of the application and upload documents in PDF format (Note: each file must not exceed 50 MB). The application must be fully completed, as specified in the online procedure, and must include, where required, a copy of a valid identity document, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process. No other methods of submitting the application or supporting documentation will be accepted for participation in this procedure.

Before the application deadline, the system allows candidates to save their application in draft mode. The submission date of the online application is certified by the platform through a receipt automatically sent via email to the address provided by the candidate during registration. Once the deadline has passed, the system will no longer allow access or submission of the electronic form. Each application will be assigned a unique identification number, which, together with the competition code indicated in the online system, must be specified in any subsequent communication. The application submission procedure must be completed no later than 11:59 p.m. on 29 April 2026. If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be extended to the next working day.

The submission of the application must be finalized and completed according to the following procedures:

In the case of access to the platform via SPID, no signature is required. In all other cases, the application must be signed as follows:

- by means of a digital signature, using a smart card, USB token, or remote signature, which allows the user to sign generic documents either through a signature software installed on their PC or via a remote signing web portal provided by the Certification Authority. Users in possession of a digital signature smart card or USB token may verify its compatibility with the digital signature system integrated into the server. If the check is successful, the user will be able to sign the application directly on the server (e.g., using ConFirma);
- Applicants who do not possess compatible digital signature devices and holders of Remote Digital Signatures who access a portal for signing generic documents must save the PDF file generated by the system onto their computer and, without making any modifications, digitally sign it in CADES format. This will generate a file with the .p7m extension, which must then be uploaded again to the system. Any modification to the file before applying the digital signature will prevent the system from verifying the correspondence between the signed document and the original version, and will result in exclusion from the procedure. If none of the above options are available, the applicant must save the PDF file generated by the system onto their computer, and without altering it in any way, print it and sign the final page by hand with a full handwritten signature. The signed document must then be scanned in PDF format, and the resulting file uploaded to the system.

For technical support or to report technical issues, it is possible to submit a request by accessing the following link: supporto alla piattaforma PICA (PICA platform support).

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration and will therefore be automatically rejected. If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be extended to the next working day.

The application must be accompanied by the candidate's curriculum vitae, publications, and any qualifications deemed relevant for the purposes of the application, as well as the research project, which must be submitted in both Italian and English for evaluation purposes.

The examination of publications subject to intellectual property rights shall be carried out by the members of the Selection Committee in compliance with the applicable legislation on publishing activities and copyright protection.

Applications delivered, sent, or submitted after the deadline established in this article will not be considered.

If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be extended to the next working day.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. Applicants from non-EU countries who hold a valid residence permit may submit self-declarations under the same conditions as EU citizens, provided that the declarations concern statuses, facts, or personal qualifications that can be certified or attested by Italian public authorities, or where the submission of such self-declarations is allowed under international agreements between Italy and the applicant's country of origin.

Applicants from non-EU countries who do not hold a valid residence permit may use the online platform to upload their qualifications in PDF format and certificates issued by the competent authorities of their country of citizenship, provided these are accompanied by an Italian translation authenticated by the Italian consular authority, certifying their conformity to the original documents.

The original documents must be presented to the Selection Committee during the interview concerning qualifications and scientific output, and in any case, must be submitted to the Administration upon hiring, if applicable.

References to documents submitted to this or other administrations, or to documents attached to applications for other selection procedures, are not permitted.

Publications, documents, and curricular qualifications deemed relevant for evaluation purposes must be submitted exclusively in the manner described above, no later than the final deadline for the submission of the application.

The University Administration shall not be held responsible in the event that files transmitted via certified email (PEC) are not readable.

ART. 4 – POSSESSION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

In the application, candidates must submit a self-declaration pursuant to and for the purposes of the applicable regulations, attesting to:

- a) possession of a doctoral degree, or enrolment in the third year of a PhD programme, including any equivalent foreign qualifications, provided that the degree is expected to be awarded within six months from the date of publication of this call for applications;
- b) possession of a medical specialization diploma relevant to the sector concerned, or enrolment in the final year of the programme, provided that the degree is expected to be awarded within six months from the date of publication of this call for applications;

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3 of this Call, the application must also be accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) a detailed curriculum of the applicant's scientific and professional activity, indicating research activities carried out at public or private institutions through projects, contracts, research grants, or fellowships, in Italy or abroad (Form F);
- 2) the research project for which the applicant is applying (see PROGRAMME FORM – Annex 1), to be drafted in both Italian and English;
- 3) a list of qualifications submitted either as self-declarations or certified copies (Form C);
- 4) a list of publications and research outputs, with accompanying descriptions (Form C);
- 5) self-declarations as provided for in Annex B of this call;
- 6) a copy of a valid identity document and tax identification code. [The attachment of the identity document is mandatory.]

The aforementioned documentation must be uploaded directly to the PICA platform at the time of submitting the application.

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, the Administration is required to carry out appropriate verifications, including random checks, and in all cases where there are reasonable doubts as to the truthfulness of the content of the self-declarations submitted.

In the event of a false declaration, the candidate shall forfeit any benefits obtained on the basis of the false statement, without prejudice to the provisions of the Criminal Code and relevant special laws.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to upload no fewer than 2 and no more than 5 publications for evaluation by the Selection Committee, directly via the PICA platform. Failure to do so will result in the exclusion from evaluation of any listed publications that have not been submitted through the platform.

It is specified that publications accepted for publication may be submitted for evaluation, provided that a letter of acceptance from the publisher is attached.

It is further reminded that, as a general principle in competitive procedures, any qualifications or titles for which the applicant seeks evaluation must be explicitly listed in the application. Therefore, it is considered a minimum duty of diligence on the part of the applicant to describe the qualifications held with sufficient detail to allow proper assessment.

In such cases, the documentation (original qualifications, authenticated copies, or copies declared to be true to the original) must be submitted together with the application and all attachments, following the procedure indicated on the platform, namely by uploading them to the PICA platform.

The Administration reserves the right to carry out appropriate verifications, including random checks, on the truthfulness of the content of self-declarations.

References to documents submitted to this or other administrations, or to documents attached to applications for other selection procedures, are not permitted.

ART. 5 – PROHIBITION OF CONCURRENT APPOINTMENTS AND INCOMPATIBILITIES

With regard to the rules on incompatibility, reference is made to Articles 15 and 15-bis of the University Regulations for the Award of Research Contracts, issued by Emergency Rectoral Decree No. 486/2025, protocol No. 26603 of 4 April 2025, available at the following link:

<https://www.unich.it/ateneo/organizzazione/normativa/regolamenti>

ART. 6 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

With regard to the Selection Committee, reference is made to Articles 7 and 9 of the University Regulations for the Award of Research Contracts, issued by Emergency Rectoral Decree No. 486/2025, protocol No. 26603 of 4 April 2025, available at the following link:

<https://www.unich.it/ateneo/organizzazione/normativa/regolamenti>

ART. 7 – CONDUCT OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

1) The selection is carried out through comparative evaluation of the candidates and aims to assess both the consistency of the proposed research projects with the research programme covered by the selection and the possession of a scientific and professional curriculum appropriate for carrying out the research activity under the contract.

2) Candidates must attach all documentation relevant for evaluation in accordance with the procedures outlined in the call for applications.

3) The comparative evaluation of candidates is based on the qualifications outlined in the curriculum and the following criteria:

a) Quality, originality, and innovativeness of the research proposal, with reference to the research programme subject of the selection procedure;

b) Quality, quantity, and relevance of the research activities listed in the scientific and professional curriculum, in relation to the contents of the research programme under selection;

c) Relevance of the submitted publications to the research programme under selection.

4) The interview aims to further assess the elements set out in points a), b), and c) above, to evaluate the candidate's research aptitude with reference to the topic of the research programme indicated in the call, as well as to verify adequate knowledge of the English language. The interview may be awarded a maximum of 30 points.

5) The Selection Committee shall determine, during its first meeting to be held within 30 days from the publication of the appointment decree, the methods for evaluating the candidates, and shall notify the responsible officer for their publication on the University's official website.

6) For the purposes of the selection procedure, the Committee has a total of 100 points at its disposal, of which 10 points are reserved for qualifications, 60 points for the evaluation of the elements referred to in paragraph 3, letters a), b), and c) of this article, and 30 points for the interview.

7) During the evaluation phase, the Committee shall collectively issue a reasoned judgment for each evaluation criterion established in the first meeting minutes, and shall assign the corresponding score. The evaluation shall be carried out after the interview has taken place.

8) For each candidate, the Committee must assign a score for the assessed qualifications.

9) The interview—at the Committee's discretion—may be conducted remotely and is aimed at assessing the candidate's research aptitude, focusing on the submitted project, the related subject matter, and the research programme outlined in the call. During the interview, knowledge of the foreign language specified in the call will also be assessed. The interview may be conducted in English.

10) The Committee shall draw up the merit ranking in descending order based on the total score obtained by each candidate. The selection shall be considered passed with a minimum score of 60 out of 100.

11) In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate in terms of age.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CANDIDATES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to regularly consult the section of the University website <https://www.unich.it/ateneo/bandi-gare-e-concorsi/personale-docente-e-ricercatore/contratti-di-ricerca>, where the call for applications is published and where all subsequent official communications will also be made available.

Should the date set by the Committee for the interview be subject to any change, the new date will be published by means of an official notice in the same section of the website <https://www.unich.it/ateneo/bandi-gare-e-concorsi/personale-docente-e-ricercatore/contratti-di-ricerca>. No further individual communication will be sent to the candidates.

The selection procedure shall be concluded with the appointment of the successful candidate and the establishment of a ranking list of eligible candidates, which shall remain valid for a maximum period of one year. The use of the ranking list shall be limited to the specific needs indicated in the present call.

ART. 8 – CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIA TELEMATICS

In accordance with Rectoral Decree No. 953, Protocol No. 43861 of 16/06/2022, which enacted the "Regulations for the telematic conduct of collegial and selection meetings for staff recruitment", the meetings of the Selection Committee shall be conducted via telematic means. The members of the Selection Committee shall, as a rule, participate in the meetings using their own telematic devices, in accordance with the procedures established in the aforementioned Regulations.

ART. 9 – METHODS OF CONDUCTING THE ORAL INTERVIEW

The venue where the interview will take place, or the link for candidates' remote connection via Microsoft Teams, will be specified in the minutes of the first meeting of the Selection Committee.

The interview may be conducted remotely using the Microsoft Teams platform, in accordance with current data-sharing agreements.

Moreover, it is required that candidates submit, together with their application, the duly signed Annex Form E – "Declaration of Acceptance of Remote Interview Procedure".

To this end, when completing the application, candidates shall provide their email address in order to receive the link for the interview. It shall be the responsibility of the Selection Committee to organise the meeting via Microsoft Teams and to send the connection link to the candidate's email address.

The interview must be conducted in compliance with the following principles:

- a) simultaneous connection among all participants;
- b) security of the data and information exchanged during the session;
- c) public nature of the examination proceedings;
- d) guaranteed and reliable identification of the candidates.

The use of audio-video connection tools must in any case allow for:

- a) continuous visual presence of the candidate throughout the entire interview;
- b) proper identification of the candidate by means of a valid identification document;

c) public conduct of the session, ensured by allowing all candidates and third parties—who formally request access from the Administration—to connect simultaneously for the entire duration of the session.

As with the members of the selection committee, candidates shall take part in the interview session using their own electronic devices.

The Gabriele d'Annunzio University shall not be held liable for any technical issues of any kind, not attributable to the University itself, that may prevent the proper commencement or conduct of the interview.

The interview conducted via telematic means shall be preceded by the following preliminary activities:

- a) The candidate must formally accept the telematic modality, undertaking not to use any auxiliary tools and to ensure the absence of third parties providing assistance during the examination;
- b) The candidate must declare to be fully aware that Gabriele d'Annunzio University shall not be held liable for any technical issues of any nature not attributable to the University, which may hinder the proper commencement or execution of the interview;
- c) The telematic connection between the members of the committee and all candidates must necessarily take place on the date and at the time established by the selection committee, as published in the schedule on the University's website;
- d) The connection must include both audio and video;
- e) The session shall be conducted by the Chair of the Committee, who is responsible for promptly verifying the proper functioning of the audio-video connection with the candidates and the other members of the Committee. To this end, candidates are required to activate the connection at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the telematic session.

It is hereby specified that the Committee, through communication by the Chair — once the candidates have been contacted via the email address provided — shall have the discretion to invite all candidates and any other attendees to join the Microsoft Teams platform via a dedicated link generated by the Committee for that purpose.

In the event that one of the members of the committee or one of the candidates is, at the time of the interview or examination, unable to participate or to continue participation due to technical issues, the session shall be suspended and must resume as soon as possible, according to the provisions established by the Chair.

In any case, the candidate's identification and the public nature of the examination must be guaranteed.

In order to participate in the interview via telematic means, candidates must provide their email address in the application form, ensuring that the workstation from which they will attend the interview is equipped with a webcam—essential for identification purposes—as well as a microphone and speakers/headphones.

At the beginning of the remote interview, candidates must present to the Committee a valid identification document and a copy of the submitted application.

It is hereby specified that the candidate must be reachable via the email address and/or mobile phone number previously provided in the application, on the day and at the time scheduled for the interview.

Failure to provide or incorrect communication of personal contact details shall be deemed as a withdrawal from participation in the interview and, consequently, from the selection procedure.

In the event of non-response and/or unreachability of the candidate on the scheduled day and time, the Committee shall immediately attempt to contact the candidate both by email and by calling the mobile number provided, in order to invite them to attend the interview.

Failure to respond shall likewise be considered as a withdrawal from the interview and, consequently, from the selection process.

The connection must remain active for the entire duration of the interview.

In the event of a connection interruption, the provisions previously outlined shall apply.

Failure to present the identification document already submitted as an attachment to the application, or a copy of the application itself, shall be considered as a withdrawal from participation in the interview and, therefore, from the selection process.

It shall be the candidate's responsibility to provide evidence of any causes and/or technical anomalies or issues not attributable to their fault or negligence, which prevented them from participating in the interview.

In such cases, the candidate must promptly notify the Committee via email.

The interview shall be conducted according to the following procedures:

- a) Following the activation of the connection and the completion of the aforementioned preliminary activities, the Chair of the Committee shall verify the list of candidates admitted to the interview and proceed with their identification;
- b) The order of interviews shall be determined by drawing lots, and the Chair of the Committee shall invite the first candidate to prepare;
- c) The Committee shall carry out the interview with the first candidate and, subsequently, with each of the remaining candidates;
- d) Upon completion of the interviews, the Chair of the Committee shall close the session with the candidates and terminate the related online connection;
- e) The Committee shall continue the session without the presence of the candidates and shall proceed with the evaluation of each candidate, assigning scores based on the criteria established during the preliminary meeting;
- f) The secretary of the Committee, or alternatively the Chair of the Committee, shall draw up the minutes, which shall be read collectively by all members of the Committee and signed by each commissioner. Commissioners who do not possess digital signature devices shall provide written declarations of agreement, which shall be attached to the minutes and kept by the secretary or by the Chair of the Committee. The minutes shall be forwarded to the relevant administrative office upon conclusion of the selection procedure, together with any minutes of the additional sessions.

ART. 10 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE

The appointment of the successful candidate shall take place through actual physical presence.

It shall be the responsibility of the appointee to liaise with the Research Supervisor in order to ensure the optimal organization of research activities, in compliance with applicable provisions regarding safety and public security.

Similarly, upon taking up duty, the successful candidate shall make contact with the Director of the Department in which the research activities will be carried out.

ART. 11 - GENERAL PROVISION

Interested parties are invited to regularly check the section of the website <https://www.unich.it/ateneo/bandi-gare-e-concorsi/personale-docente-e-riccatore/contratti-di-ricerca>, where this call for applications is published.

It is hereby acknowledged that this Call for Applications will also be published in English, ensuring adequate dissemination.

ART. 12 AWARDING OF THE RESEARCH CONTRACT

Within ten (10) days from the approval of the selection results, the selected candidate will be invited to sign the contract in written form at the competent office of the Central Administration – Personnel Area – Division 13 – Unit for the management of academic staff, researchers, fixed-term researchers, and ASL-affiliated personnel.

The contract must normally be signed, except in duly documented cases of force majeure, within twenty (20) days following receipt of the notification. The contract may also be finalized by means of so-called "exchange of signatures," to be carried out electronically via email or certified email (PEC), by sending messages with the contract attached in PDF format, signed either by hand or with a digital signature.

The selected candidate will be required to self-certify the following personal details, facts, and qualifications:

- 1) date and place of birth;
- 2) enjoyment of civil and political rights;
- 3) absence of criminal convictions; otherwise, the selected candidate must self-certify any convictions, including the date and issuing judicial authority of the sentence (even in cases of amnesty, judicial pardon, pardon, clemency, non-disclosure, etc., and even if nothing appears on the criminal record. All criminal proceedings must be indicated regardless of their nature). Foreign nationals must also certify that they have no criminal convictions in both their country of citizenship and in Italy;
- 4) attainment of a PhD degree;
- 5) possession and number of the Italian tax code (codice fiscale), VAT number, and any data relating to the individual present in the tax registry database;
- 6) not receiving any scholarships granted under any title, and not being a tenured employee of the entities listed in Article 4 of this call for applications;
- 7) not being employed by a Public Administration under a permanent, fixed-term, or quasi-subordinate contract;
- 8) or, being employed by a Public Administration under a permanent or fixed-term contract and having obtained a formal leave of absence from such Public Administration (pursuant to Article 15 of the Regulation for the Award of Research Contracts).

Should the selected candidate be affected by any physical impairments, the medical certificate must specify them and indicate whether such impairments may compromise the candidate's ability to collaborate in research activities. This certification must be dated no earlier than six months prior to the actual start date of the research collaboration.

The personal statements, facts, and qualifications self-certified by the successful candidate of this selection procedure will be subject to appropriate verification by the University of Chieti-Pescara "G. d'Annunzio" regarding their accuracy and truthfulness.

The personal data submitted by candidates in their applications for participation in the selection procedure, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, will be processed exclusively for the purposes of managing this procedure and any subsequent processes related to the awarding of the research contract in question.

The University regulations, in particular those concerning the awarding of Research Contracts, as well as the University's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, are available at the following address: <https://www.unich.it/ateneo/organizzazione/normativa/regolamenti> (RICERCA).

For the purpose of determining the start date of service, only delays due to serious health reasons or duly proven and documented cases of force majeure may be justified.

Any postponement of the start date of the research activity or any interruption thereof shall be permitted only if the winner or holder of the research contract proves to be in the conditions provided for female workers under Legislative Decree No. 151 of March 26, 2001.

If the holder of the research contract, after having commenced the research activity, does not continue it regularly and without interruption for the entire duration of the contract without justified reason, or is found responsible for serious and repeated misconduct, the procedure for the termination of the contract shall be initiated.

For matters not expressly provided for in this call for applications, the provisions set out in the legislation cited in the preamble of this selection procedure shall apply, as well as, where applicable, the provisions of the Civil Code.

ART. 13 – TAX, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

1) Contract holders are entitled, for the entire duration of the contract, to an all-inclusive gross annual remuneration, established by the Board of Administration based on the required commitment and in compliance with the constraints set forth in Article 22, paragraph 6, last sentence, of Law no. 240/2010, amounting to €38,986.59 gross to the beneficiary (equivalent to €54,061.38 gross cost to the Institution).

2) The employment contract is subject to the provisions of the CONTRACT RELATING TO THE CONTRACTUAL SEQUENCE ON THE RESEARCH CONTRACT pursuant to ART. 22 OF LAW NO. 240/2010 (Art. 178, paragraph 1, letter g of the National Collective Labour Agreement [CCNL] dated 18/01/2024), signed on 18/03/2025.

3) The employment relationship established between the University “G. d’Annunzio” of Chieti - Pescara and the research contractor is governed by the applicable regulations, including those relating to taxation, social security, and welfare treatment applicable to employment income.

4) The University also provides insurance coverage for accident risks and civil liability.

For all matters not expressly provided for herein, and within the limits of compatibility with this Call, reference is made to the provisions of the Regulation for the awarding of research contracts pursuant to Article 22 of Law No. 240/2010, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 486/2025 – Prot. No. 26603 dated 04/04/2025 and available at the following link: <https://www.unich.it/ateneo/organizzazione/normativa/regolamenti> (section: RICERCA), which is hereby fully incorporated by reference.

ART. 14 – PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The processing of personal data is carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10/08/2018.

The personal data provided by candidates through the application forms will be processed exclusively for the purposes of managing this call and related procedures, including in the event of legal disputes.

Providing such data is mandatory for participation in the selection process.

In light of the above, candidates are invited to read the information notice on personal data processing, which is attached to this call and forms an integral part thereof (Annex D).

This decree will be recorded in the official register of decrees of this Administration.

ART. 15 – PROCEDURE SUPERVISOR

Pursuant to Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, the person responsible for the procedure covered by this call is Dr. Donatella DI FELICE – Division 13 – Academic Staff – Recruitment Office for Faculty and Researchers – Via dei Vestini No. 31 – 66100 Chieti Scalo (CH). Phone: +39 0871/3556760/6080/6058/-6057 e-mail: contrattidiricerca@unich.it.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Annex 1: No. 3 Project Sheets

- Form A: Application form (template);
- Form B: Statutory declaration and self-certification;
- Form C: List of qualifications/publications;
- Form D: Personal data information notice;
- Form E: Declaration of acceptance of telematic procedure;
- Form F: Curriculum Vitae (European format).

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