

## **RECTOR'S DECREE N. 7924**

Selection procedures to assign no. 15 research collaboration grants at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

### **THE RECTOR**

- having regard to the Statute of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rector's Decree of October 24, 1996, and subsequent modifications and integrations;
- having regard to the general regulatory norms of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rector's Decree of October 26, 1999, and subsequent modifications and integrations;
- having regard to Law 240 of December 30, 2010, in particular Art. 22;
- having regard to Ministerial Decree 102 of March 9, 2011;
- having regard to Rector's Decree 6764 of september 30, 2020, governing <<Modifications to the “Code of Conduct of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore”>>;
- having regard to Rector's Decree 7027 of December 16, 2020, governing the “Norms on the conferment and discipline of research grants in accordance with Art. 22 of Law 240 of December 30, 2010”;
- having regard to the resolutions adopted by the Boards of the Faculties;
- having regard to the resolutions adopted by the University Senate and University Steering Committee;

### **ORDAINS**

#### **Art. 1**

#### **Opening**

The opening of selection procedures for the assignment of no. 15 research grants in the following Faculties of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, for the following scientific-disciplinary sectors:

**A) Research grants announced in accordance with Art. 22,  
Subparagraph 4, Letter A, of Law 240/2010**

**FACULTY OF PSICOLOGIA**

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>M-PED/01 PEDAGOGY, THEORIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL EDUCATION</u>	n. 1 position
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PHD is required for the admission

DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Livia Cadei.

Title of the research topic: Pedagogical support: “knowledge and professional practices” in educational culture.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH TOPIC: Pedagogical support is a central theme of interest in the culture of educational work. It is expressed in relational knowledge and it is enriched through the processes of learning from experience, the development of the reflective capacities of subjects and the acquisition of meta-skills. During the transitional stages of adult life (e.g., the access to parenthood, the work transitions, etc.), it is essential to have the ability to manage a process of continuous change. For this reason, it becomes interesting to investigate the ways in which professionals in the field of education reshape, combine, and transform acts and transmit practices for the benefit of the educational relationship. The research projects aims at studying the processes and tools that facilitate the pedagogical support for adults, in terms of listening and analysis of needs, the reading of questions, and the development of interventions. In particular, with regard to the pedagogical support of adults, it will be important to identify formative and transformative elements inherent in the choices and the transitions and to profile possible accompaniment tools on a narrative and autobiographical methods. The research question calls to exploring the nature of the professional knowledge and gestures involved in pedagogical support.

SEDE: Brescia.

**FACULTY OF PSICOLOGIA**

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>M-PSI/08 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY</u>	n. 1 position
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PHD is required for the admission

DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Gianluca Castelnovo

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH TOPIC: Clinical psychological, neuropsychological and socio-relational aspects of the elderly subject with neurodegenerative syndromes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH TOPIC: The increase in life expectancy, due to the improvement of prevention and treatment in health care systems, requests a new kind of management of the growing elderly population taking into account active aging and healthy living people, but also situations of mild cognitive decline and neurodegenerative diseases that impact at different levels (cognitive, psychopathological, socio-relational) on the elderly citizens and their relatives and caregivers, often involved in the management of stressful and long-term chronic scenarios. The aim of the project related to this research grant is the study of the psychological factors of elderly subjects, in different clinical, neuropsychological and socio-relational settings, in order to be able to know their cognitive and psychopathological profiles and plan personalized rehabilitation protocols, developed considering the real needs of the final users, also including the contribution of new technologies. Previous research experience in the clinical psychology and health psychology field is well evaluated, especially in the frailty of the elderly conditions, including cognitive decline (Mild cognitive impairment), dementia and other neurodegenerative syndromes.

SEDE: Milano.

**B) Research grants announced in accordance with Art. 22, Subparagraph 4, Letter B, of Law 240/2010**

**FACULTY OF GIURISPRUDENZA**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: IUS/17 CRIMINAL LAW</i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Paquale Matteo Caputo.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Organization fault and criminal liability of legal entities.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The research shall aim at examining the topic of organization fault, a fundamental assumption for ascribing criminal liability to the legal entities. In particular, the research shall aim at assessing, comparing foreign experiences, if the “italian way” (l.d. 231/2001), based on the compliance programs, revealed itself to be able to prevent corporate crimes and what kind of reforms could help to go beyond the limits.

SEAT: Milano.

**FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE:</i> <u>AGR/03 ARBORICULTURE AND FRUITCULTURE</u>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Stefano Poni.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Resil-Vigna.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The project was granted within the 2014-2020 Regione Emilia Romagna Rural Development Plan program and its main aim is to identify and validate a series of new techniques that might be helpful to increase vineyard water resilience to water stress depending upon soil moisture and/or high evaporative demand. Main actions envisaged by the project are: i) suitability of new rootstocks to increase tolerance of cv. Barbera vines to drought; ii) effectiveness of temporary mid-row winter grassing to increase soil water retention capacity and infiltration rates as well as a tool to ameliorate soil fertility, inhibit weed growth and diminish fungal inoculum in spring (namely downy mildew); caolin spraying as a tool to prevent or mitigating effects due to overheating leading to sunburn damage in leaves and berries, iv) create a link between a resilience strategy and some ICT approaches.

SEAT: Piacenza.

**FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE:</i> <u>AGR/07 AGRICULTURAL GENETICS</u>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Proff. Adriano Marocco, Matteo Busconi.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Neglected Lombard crops of American origin: recovery, exploitation and ex situ conservation of beans and popcorn maize landraces (MONTEZUMA).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The main objective of the project is the identification of old horticultural landraces belonging to species of agricultural interest

in the Lombardy region, such as: *Zea mays* var. *everta* (popcorn maize), *Phaseolus coccineus* (runner bean, devil bean, coccineus bean) and *Phaseolus vulgaris* (common bean). The accessions of interest will be characterised at the morphological and genetic level and they will be maintained in purity by means of *ex situ*, at germplasm collections, and *in situ* conservation, at the project partner farms. This approach will allow a better conservation and protection of landraces that are often subject to genetic erosion or even extinction. This will make it possible to uniquely identify territorial entities with the specific aim of promoting their conservation and to include them in the National Register of Conservation Varieties.

SEAT: Piacenza.

#### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/12 PLANT PATHOLOGY</u></i>	n. 2 positions.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Vittorio Rossi.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Life Agrestic.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The postdoc position will be part of the project, which is aimed at the adoption of innovative and efficient cultivation systems, with a high potential for mitigating climate change and the dissemination of innovative tools for an efficient agriculture and mitigation of the climate change effects. In particular, he/she will deal with the integration of new functionalities and models in the DSS.

SEAT: Piacenza.

#### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/12 PLANT PATHOLOGY</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Tito Caffi.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Epimemiology.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The main objective of the research

project is to study epidemiology of different fungi causal agents of the main grapevine diseases as downy and powdery mildews, black-rot, grey mould and phomopsis cane and leaf spot disease. In particular, experiments under both environmental controlled and field conditions will be set up in order to collect the necessary data to improve already existing forecasting models.

SEAT: Piacenza.

### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/13 AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Ettore Capri.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Agri-Food TRACK.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The project provides for the analysis and definition of sustainability indicators, which will enrich the local and national databases for some crops, further enhancing the quality of products and raw materials, as well as the territories and the actors of the entire supply chain. In particular, the fellow will have to (1) analyse case studies and supply chains for the implementation of the project in three different sectors (tomato, olive/oil and grape/wine) and assess the transferability to other products/chains; (2) contribute to the definition of details related to the unique system to establish which are the minimum data that must be tracked and notarized by the blockchain, with reference to the information necessary for the evaluation of sustainability indicators, in order to protect the consumer, as well as the value and quality of the products and raw materials of the Made in Italy excellences; (3) prepare the set of sustainability KPIs and the relevant calculation methodologies for each of the three supply chains concerned; (4) carry out an operational test through the involvement of an industrial stakeholder for each selected supply chain; (5) carry out compatibility analysis with the sustainability standards of the three supply chains concerned.

SEAT: Piacenza.

### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/13 AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: 6 months.

TUTOR: Prof. Luigi Lucini

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: PHOBOS - Use of Protein-Hydrolysates as Biostimulants of vegetable crops: elucidating their mode of action and optimizing their effectiveness through a multidisciplinary approach.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Application fractionation by dialysis and following high-resolution mass spectrometric metabolomics for characterizing the biostimulant activity of protein hydrolysates in horticultural crops. The trials will be carried out under optimal conditions as well as following multiple (nutritional x salinity) stresses, following outsourced phenomics screening. Overall, the project targets the individuation of the most bioactive fractions as well as the definition of molecular and biochemical processes underlying biostimulant activity.

SEAT: Piacenza.

#### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/13 AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: 6 months.

TUTOR: Prof. Lucrezia Lamastra.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Development of a PEF compliant dairy tool.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The project aims to develop a methodology to assess the environmental impact of the Italian dairy sector compliant with the PEF requirements. The developed methodology has to be applied and tested in other European countries.

SEAT: Piacenza.

#### **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/17 LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS, ANIMAL BREEDING AND GENETICS</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Paolo Ajmone Marsan.

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: SCALA-MEDI - Improving sustainability and quality of sheep and chicken production by leveraging the adaptation potential of Local breeds

in the MEDiterranean area.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:** The SCALA-MEDI project will characterise the genetic and phenotypic diversity of Mediterranean local breeds of sheep and chicken and study their ability to adapt to harsh environments and management systems. The project will leverage data produced in EU projects and generate new data, including traditional production traits and using new technologies for remote phenotyping of adaptation related traits, genotyping, and to explore the genome methylation status of animals reared in different environmental conditions. Data and samples will be collected on local breeds from Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco (16 sheep breeds and village chicken populations from different bio-climatic environments), taking advantage of local expertise in addition to that available in Italy and France. Local resources will be characterized for farming system, diversity, distinctiveness and adaptive traits. Genomic data will be analysed to identify loci controlling adaptation traits and product authenticity and will be used to create decision-making tools to improve conservation and selection programmes and management strategies for Mediterranean livestock production system to face future climate change scenarios.

SEAT: Piacenza.

## **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/17 LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS, ANIMAL BREEDING AND GENETICS</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: 16 months.

TUTOR: Prof. Licia Colli.

**TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:** LIFE-CLAW: Crayfish lineages conservation in north-western Apennine, LIFE18 NAT/IT/000806.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:** The overall objectives of LIFE CLAW are the conservation and restocking of the crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes* populations in North-western Apennines and to counteract the dispersal of non-indigenous crayfish species. Specific conservation actions include the molecular characterization of the species to map the distribution of genetic variation on the study area and the identification of the source populations for the selection of breeding individuals for ex-situ reproduction and restocking. The specific parts of the project addressed will be mainly the molecular characterization of *A. pallipes* populations (Action A4) and the dissemination and transfer of project results (Actions E1, E2, E4).

SEAT: Piacenza.

## **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/18 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND FEEDING</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: one year; can be renewed.

TUTOR: Prof. Francesco Masoero

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: Plastic-less-milk.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The quality of silage is an important factor for safeguarding animal health and ensuring their performance. The project intends to characterize for chemical-biological parameters other than to quantify several mycotoxins detectable into feeds. The candidate should have skills in the analysis of feeds and also specific knowledge on use of GS instrument for analyzing the main fermentation end-products.

SEAT: Piacenza.

## **FACULTY OF SCIENZE AGRARIE, ALIMENTARI E AMBIENTALI**

<i>ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: <u>AGR/18 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND FEEDING</u></i>	n. 1 position.
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DURATION: 6 months, renewable

TUTOR: Prof. Francesco Masoero, Prof. Michele Monno

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: ES4PA&F - Solutions for precision agriculture and farming.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: The ES4PA & F project aims to explore the border area between Engineering and Agricultural-Zootechnical Sciences in which it is believed that there is a significant development potential deriving from the application of industrial engineering methodologies to the solution of livestock environments and precision agriculture problems. The objective of the project will be the identification of the intervention areas and the selection of skills capable of generating solutions to problems such as the conditioning of the stables, in order to optimize the design phase of the ventilation management systems through modeling and flow simulation. The application of computational simulation models to livestock environments will allow to improve animal welfare through the use of more efficient equipment in terms of energy impact, use of water resources, to the benefit of environmental sustainability. The preparatory period, before the start of the research

fellowship, will be used to define the list of issues to be addressed during the project. This preliminary activity will require interaction between the research managers (Tutors). For each of the topics to be addressed during the project, a summary sheet will be drawn up, containing the description of the problem, the necessary engineering/agricultural/zootechnical skills and, at the “proof of concept” level, the expected results. PhD title, and/or previous research experiences, on the topics of the call will be considered preferential qualifications in the candidates evaluation.

SEAT: Piacenza.

## **Art. 2**

### **Admission requirements**

Application for participation in the competition is open to Italian and foreign candidates holding a four-year university degree\* or a Master's degree obtained in an Italian, EU or foreign university.

A PhD or equivalent qualification obtained abroad, if not otherwise specified, are preferential qualifications for participation in the selection procedures.

Applicants subject to any of the causes of incompatibility set forth in the Code of Conduct of the University cannot participate in the public competition.

The following candidates cannot participate in the public competition either:

- those who had contracts as research grant holders, in accordance with Art. 22 of Law 240 of December 30, 2010, for a period which, added to the expected duration of the contract announced, exceeds four years on the whole, with the exclusion of the period in which the grant was enjoyed while doing a PhD without scholarship, to the maximum extent of the legal duration of the corresponding programme;
- those who had contracts as research grant holders/fixed-term researchers, in accordance with Articles 22 and 24 of Law 240 of December 30, 2010, with the University or the bodies referred to in the first line of the following paragraph, for a period that, added to the expected duration of the contract announced, exceeds twelve years on the whole, even if not on a continuing basis. For the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned relations, the periods spent on maternity leave or on health leave are not considered according to current legislation.

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\* As obtained before the below-mentioned reference frames. For EU citizens the frame of reference is constituted by the Bologna process and in Italy it is regulated by Ministerial Decree 509 of November 3, 1999.

The following positions are incompatible with the awarding of contracts:

- permanent staff of universities, institutions and public research and experimental bodies, of the National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI), and of institutions whose degree of scientific specialisation is recognised as equivalent to the qualification of Doctor of Philosophy, in accordance with Art. 74, fourth Paragraph, of Presidential Decree 382 of July 11, 1980;
- holders of scholarships awarded for any purpose, with the exception of those awarded by national or foreign institutions with the aim of integrating research activity with stays abroad;
- students enrolled in university programmes, Master's degree programmes, Postgraduate programmes, or doctoral programmes with scholarship or medical specialisations, in Italy or abroad.

Exclusion due to lack of admission requirements shall be ruled by Rector's justified provision.

### **Art. 3 Submission of application**

Applicants must submit documented application on unstamped paper, as indicated in **Annex A**.

A signed copy of the application form must be delivered:

- sent by registered mail, or express mail, with return receipt to the following address: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Servizio personale docente e tecnico amministrativo (Ufficio Amministrazione Concorsi) - Largo Gemelli, 1 - 20123 Milano, **by november 10, 2021**. Receipt of applications shall be validated by post office date stamp
- sent by certified mail at [risorse.umane@pec.ucsc.it](mailto:risorse.umane@pec.ucsc.it) **by november, 10 2021**.

This public announcement is published on the official notice board of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, on the MIUR website at <http://bandi.miur.it>, and on the website of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore at <http://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-milano-brescia-piacenza-e-cremona-assegni-di-ricerca-legge-240-2010-art-22#content>

### **Art. 4 Contents of the application**

In the application form, candidates shall precisely indicate:

- 1) surname and name;
- 2) place and date of birth;
- 3) fiscal code (the University shall determine the fiscal code of foreign candidates that cannot indicate it);
- 4) place of residence;
- 5) citizenship;
- 6) for Italian citizens: registration in the electoral roll stating the municipality of registration, otherwise, the reasons for non-registration or cancellation; for non-Italian citizens: declaration of the enjoyment of civil and political rights in their country of belonging or origin;
- 7) to have no criminal record; otherwise, any convictions (specifying the details of the relative sentences) and any pending criminal proceedings;
- 8) to have been neither dismissed from employment at any Public Administration due to persistent poor performance, nor declared no longer entitled to public employment in accordance with Art. 127, Letter d) of Presidential Decree 3 of January 10, 1957, and subsequent modifications and integrations;
- 9) not to be subject to any of the causes of incompatibility referred to in Art. 2 of the public announcement;
- 10) not to be subject to any of the causes of incompatibility set forth in the Code of Conduct of the University;
- 11) the competition of application (specifying Faculty, scientific-disciplinary sector and **research project** presented relative to the topics covered by the public announcement (**only for grants referred to in Art. 1, Letter**)).

In the application form, candidates may elect a special domicile for communications from the University Administration. Any changes in the above-stated domicile must be promptly notified to Servizio personale docente e tecnico amministrativo (Ufficio Amministrazione Concorsi) of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Largo Gemelli, 1 - 20123 Milano.

Candidates with recognised disabilities must specify in their application the aid required in relation to their disability and (if any) the need for additional time for test completion in accordance with Law 104 of February 5, 1992.

The University Administration shall not be responsible for unavailability of applicants and loss of communications due to incorrect contact information provided by applicants or to absent or delayed notification of any changes in the address indicated in the application form.

The University Administration shall not be responsible for any failed or late delivery of

communications concerning the selection procedure due to reasons not attributable to the Administration itself, but to postal or telegraph service errors, third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

## **Art. 5**

### **Attachments to the application form**

The application must include:

- scientific and professional *curriculum*, and list of publications if any;
- qualifications and publications (if any) that candidates wish to present for evaluation;
- **research project** relative to the topic covered by the public announcement (**only for grants referred to in Art. 1, Letter A**)
- photocopy of an identification document;
- photocopy of fiscal code.

Candidates with Italian or EU citizenship may submit qualifications in original or certified copy; otherwise, where allowed by Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445 of December 28, 2000, by substitutive declarations of certification or substitutive declarations of affidavit attesting conformity of the copies on unstamped paper to the original.

Non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy may use the substitutive declarations referred to in the above mentioned Articles 46 and 47 as limited to personal qualities and status and to facts certifiable or attestable by Italian public bodies.

Non-EU citizens authorised to stay in Italy may use the substitutive declarations referred to in the above mentioned Articles 46 and 47 in those cases in which they are submitted under the application of international conventions between Italy and the country of origin of the registrant.

In the remaining cases, non-EU citizens shall document personal qualities and status and facts through certificates or statements issued by the competent authority of the foreign State.

Certificates and statements referred to in the preceding paragraph written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation into Italian certified by the Italian consular authority, stating that it conforms to the original.

The Administration reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the veracity of the contents of the substitutive declarations.

Documents, qualifications and publications already submitted to the University may not be referred back to.

**Art. 6**  
**Examination Panel**

The Examination Panel is appointed by the Rector. It consists of three members:

- a teacher, selected by the Faculty Board of the Faculty concerned, and two (associate or full) professors selected respectively by
  - the Dean of the Faculty concerned;
  - the Director of the Department/Institute at which research activity shall be conducted

**Art. 7**  
**Evaluation of candidates**

The selection procedure evaluates candidates' submitted qualifications, and includes an interview.

The Examination Panel evaluates candidates on a one-hundred-point scale; available points are to be assigned as follows:

- a) **for research grants referred to in Art. 1, Letter A)**, max. sixty points for qualifications and research project; max. forty points for the interview;
- b) **for research grants referred to in Art. 1, Letter B)**, at least forty points for qualifications; the remaining points for the interview.

In its first meeting, the Examination Panel determines the criteria for candidates' evaluation complying with the provisions of the public announcement and what follows below.

The Examination Panel may also set a minimum score for admission to the interview.

In compliance with the above indicated criteria, published at <http://milano.unicatt.it/concorsi-assegna-di-ricerca-legge-240-2010-art-22>, the Examination Panel evaluates each candidate's

- scientific and professional *curriculum*;
- qualifications and publications submitted, and their pertinence to the scientific-disciplinary area and/or scientific-disciplinary sectors covered by the public announcement;
- research project relative to the topic covered by the public announcement, only for grants referred to in Art. 1, Letter A of this public announcement.

If the date of the interview is not specified in this public announcement, candidates are summoned for interview by registered mail with return receipt not less than twenty days

prior to the scheduled date for their interview on the scientific activity conducted.

Under the same terms outlined in the preceding paragraph, candidates who have not reached the minimum score required by the public announcement are given notice of non-admission to the interview.

During the interview, knowledge of the language or languages required (if any) is also ascertained; foreign candidates' (at the least) instrumental knowledge of Italian, if required, is ascertained.

At the end of its activity, the Examination Panel compiles a ranking based on the sum of the scores obtained by each candidate in the evaluation of qualifications and the interview. In the case of a tie, the younger candidate prevails.

The Examination Panel's files consist of the minutes of each meeting.

The files of the evaluation procedure are approved by Rector's decree.

#### **Art. 8 Conferment**

For the purposes of the awarding of the research grant, the Ecclesiastical Assistant General verifies, through a dedicated interview, the adherence of the first candidate in the ranking to the guiding principles of the University.

The grant is awarded by the Rector through the stipulation of a specific contract.

In case of non-acceptance, the grant is awarded to the following candidate in the ranking.

#### **Art. 9 Obligations**

Grant holders are required to conduct a research programme or a phase thereof under the guidance of a tutor.

Grant holders are also required to comply with the guiding principles of the University Statute and the Code of Conduct of the University.

Grant holders shall not:

- have other employment contracts;
- engage in self-employed activity, project-related or freelance;
- carry out occasional work that, upon the opinion of the tutor, has not been authorised in advance and communicated to the Dean of the Faculty concerned by the Director of the Department / Institute at which the grant recipient conducts research activity.

Grant holders operate at their tutor's facility of belonging, or at the facility specified in the public announcement (if any), making use of the equipment and services available.

Subject to the approval of the tutor, research activity may be conducted at other University facilities or at qualified Italian and foreign research facilities.

#### **Art. 10**

##### **Assessment of conducted activity**

Within 60 days from the end of each year of activity, the tutor shall submit the Board of the Department / Institute at which the grant holder is carrying out research activity a report containing a detailed and justified assessment of the results of activity conducted.

Upon this occasion, in the case of grant expiration, the tutor may propose its renewal.

#### **Art. 11**

##### **Grant renewal**

Within 30 days before the date of grant expiration, the Board of the Faculty concerned, on the basis of the tutor's report and the opinion of the Board of the Department / Institute, approves its renewal, if any.

Research grants shall not be renewed for less than a year.

#### **Art. 12**

##### **Economic conditions**

The annual gross amount of the grants is determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, on the basis of the minimum amount established by Ministerial Decree.

Grants are paid out monthly, and for the predetermined amount after the cost of the appropriate compulsory personal insurance policy stipulated by the University against accidents that may occur during presence at the University venues.

The grants are exempt from *IRPEF* (income tax) in accordance with applicable law, and subject, for what concerns social security, to the laws in force.

#### **Art. 13**

##### **Contract termination**

The grant is withdrawn and the related contractual relation is terminated before expiration by Rector's decree:

- in cases of non-observance of the obligations referred to in Article 9;
- in case there arises any of the reasons for inadmissibility referred to in Article 2;
- in the event of negative assessment of activity conducted.

Subject to attested notification to the person concerned, the Rector's decree is issued

upon the resolution of the Board of the Faculty on proposal of the tutor or Dean, and after consultation with the Board of the Department / Institute at which the grant holder carries out research activity.

**Art. 14**  
**Patenting**

Any realisation, during the activity, of an innovation, on the part of the holders of the contracts referred to in the norms, that may be patentable is governed in accordance with current legislation and regulations adopted by Università Cattolica.

**Art. 15**  
**Transitory norms**

With their consent, grant holders may be assigned integrative and curricular didactic activities. These activities are assigned by the Faculty concerned, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department / Institute at which the grant holder carries out research activity. The integrative and curricular didactic activities assigned shall not exceed 30 hours per year, and are covered by the grant emoluments.

The conferment of grants does not constitute any form of employment nor awards rights of access to university positions.

To grants awarded prior to the entry into force of the Norms on the conferment and discipline of research grants in accordance with Art. 22 of Law 240 of December 30, 2010 continue to apply the laws and regulations in force at the time of their conferment.

**Art. 16**  
**Responsibility for procedure**

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**Art. 17**  
**Final provisions**

For any matters not covered by this public announcement, the current university legislation applies as compatible.

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