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## **MSCA-PF - Seal of Excellence Action**

### **UniTrento Internal Call for Expression of Interest 2023**

GIVEN the 2021-2023 PRO3 Planning, presented by the University of Trento pursuant to art. 4, co. 1 of Ministerial Decree n. 289 of 25 March 2021, and in particular Objective E - "Investing in the future of young researchers and university staff", which aims to encourage the autonomy of researchers in the early stages of their careers with the allocation of a research fund, in order to attract young researchers, and to encourage the participation of young researchers in competitive national and european calls with UniTrento acting as Host Institution;

GIVEN the 2022-2027 University of Trento Strategic Plan, in particular the Action aimed at strengthening the research quality of individual researchers;

GIVEN art. 17 of EU Regulation 2020/852, which defines the environmental objectives, including the principle of not causing significant harm (DNSH, "Do no significant harm"), and the Communication of the EU Commission 2021/C58/01 containing "Technical guidelines on the application of the principle "do not cause significant harm" under the regulation on the mechanism for recovery and resilience"

the University of Trento (UniTrento) announces

**the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-PF) - Seal of Excellence Action**

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## **1. Aim of the Action**

The Action is promoted within the framework of the 2022-2027 University Strategic Plan, in particular of the Action aimed at strengthening the research quality of individual researchers.

The Action will offer a two-year fellowship at UniTrento (in the Department/Center identified in the proposal) to researchers who i) have submitted a project proposal to the Horizon Europe MSCA-PF call 2022 with UniTrento as host institution, ii) have been awarded the Seal of Excellence<sup>1</sup>, and iii) were listed in the panel specific shortlist or scored not more than 2/100 below the panel specific pay-line in the MSCA-PF call 2022. The two-year fellowship will be aimed at starting or implementing the research activity of the submitted MSCA-PF project proposal.

The initiative will be proposed on a triennial basis. The budget devoted to the 2023 call will allow to support maximum 2 biennial MSCA-PF SoE fellowships.

## **2. Eligible applicants**

The internal selection is addressed to researchers who:

- applied to the MSCA-PF 2022 call with UniTrento as Host Institution and have been awarded the Seal of Excellence;
- have been shortlisted in their specific panel or scored not more than 2/100 below the panel specific pay-line;
- are eligible according to the MSCA mobility rules;
- meet the requirements provided for in the UniTrento Regulation n. 8 of 10 January 2018 “Regolamento per il reclutamento e la progressione di carriera di professori e di ricercatori e per il conferimento degli assegni di ricerca di cui all'art. 22, l. 240/2010”.

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<sup>1</sup> The Seal of Excellence is a quality label awarded to project proposals submitted to Horizon Europe – MSCA-PF which scored 85% or higher in the assessment and could not be funded due to a lack of budget.



To achieve the objectives of the 2022-2027 University Strategic Plan and of the NRP and to implement the provisions therein, the project proposals submitted under the MSCA-PF SoE internal call must:

- be consistent with the major research and innovation fields and related areas of intervention defined by the 2021-2027 National Research Programme (PNR):
  1. Health
  2. Culture, Creativity, Social Transformations and Inclusive Society
  3. Civil security
  4. Digital, Industry and Space
  5. Climate, Energy, Sustainable Mobility
  6. Food, Bio economy, Natural resources, Agriculture, Environment
- where relevant, comply with the “Do no significant harm” principle, pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 in accordance with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01);
- promote the exploitation of research results and ensure the protection of intellectual property, ensuring open access to the public to research results and related data in the shortest time and with the least possible limitations, according to the principles of “Open science” and “FAIR Data”.

### **3. Submission**

Candidates must submit the following documentation:

- Expression of interest, signed by the candidate, the Supervisor of the MSCA-PF 2022 project proposal and the Director of the Department/Center where the research activity will take place (see attached model);
- Declaration of compliance with University Regulation no. 8 of 10 January 2018 “Regolamento per il reclutamento e la progressione di carriera di professori e di ricercatori e per il conferimento degli assegni di ricerca di cui all'art. 22, l. 240/2010” (see attached model);



- Declaration of fulfilment of the DNSH principle signed by the proponent (see attached model).

Applications must be sent in electronic format according to the template attached to this call to [research.support@unitn.it](mailto:research.support@unitn.it) by **8 May 2023**.

Please specify in the email subject: UniTrento MSCA\_SoE2023\_name and surname of the applicant\_department/center.

#### **4. Evaluation procedure**

In accordance with the aims and the objectives of the Seal of Excellence - MSCA, a ranking of eligible applications will be made based on the scores already assigned by the European Commission as indicated in the Evaluation Summary Report of the projects. Only panel specific shortlisted applications and applications that scored not more than 2/100 below the panel specific pay-line in the MSCA-PF call 2022 will be considered eligible for funding. An internal Evaluation Commission, composed by at least three University Professors, one for each ERC sector, will decide the number of grants to be funded according to the available budget. The secretary of the Committee will be identified among the staff of the Directorate of Research Services and Valorisation. The Directorate of Research Services and Valorization will communicate the outcome of the assessment within 45 days after the call deadline.

In the event of a successful selection, the grant must also be approved by the competent body of the Department/Center where the research activity will take place.

#### **5. Funding**

The MSCA Seal of Excellence funding covers the costs for a research contract (assegno di ricerca or other suitable research contract, according to the decree-law of 30th April 2022, n. 36, changed by amendments of the law of 29th of June 2022, n. 79 and subsequent amendments) and a budget for research expenses. The gross annual remuneration for each research grant corresponds to an annual research contract around € 30.000, plus an endowment of € 5.000,00 as a research fund. The fellowship will be suspended in case of any funding granted by the European Commission to the fellow.



## 6. Reporting

Funded applicants will have to submit a final report within 30 days after the end of the project, that should detail the activities developed and the corresponding expenses incurred.

## 7. Public access to documents

The call and all the related documents will be published at the following webpage:

<https://www.unitn.it/ricerca/96149/attrazione-dei-talenti>

## 8. Personal data

According to art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 "General Regulation on the protection of personal data", the University will process personal data collected within its institutional purposes exclusively for the purposes related to the carrying out of the selection procedure (art. 6, paragraph 1, letter e), art. 9, paragraph 2, letter g), art. 10 of the GDPR).

The Data Controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina n. 14, 38122 Trento, email: [ateneo@pec.unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.unitn.it); [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it). Data Protection Officer can be contacted at [rpd@unitn.it](mailto:rpd@unitn.it).

The processing of personal data will be carried out in paper form and / or computerized only by personnel authorized to process data in relation to the tasks and duties assigned and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity.

At any time, the rights referred to in Articles 15 and following of the GDPR can be exercised against the Data Controller and, in particular, access to their personal data, rectification, integration, cancellation, limitation of the processing that concerns them and the right to oppose their treatment. The right to lodge a complaint with the Guarantor for the protection of personal data of art. 77 of the GDPR is reserved.

## Attachment 1: Application form