



**SELECTION CALL FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF 8 “SENIOR” RESEARCH  
GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

A selection procedure is hereby opened for the assignment of 8 post-doc or post medical specialization, if it included an adequate scientific output, research grants.

Six positions will be equally distributed among the three macro-areas identified by the European Research Council: a) Social sciences and Humanities (SH), b) Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE), c) Life Sciences (LS); two are reserved to non-European candidates who do not reside in Italy, regardless of their ERC field.

Should one or both positions reserved to non-European candidates who do not reside in Italy not be allocated, the positions will be assigned to the first admitted but not funded candidates in the ranking lists of the three ERC macro-areas with the highest score.

In the event of a tie, the proposal(s) presented by the youngest candidate(s) will be selected.

The grants, which have a duration of one year for the gross amount of € 19,367.00 (nineteenth thousand three hundred and sixty seven/00), will be allocated for the implementation of research projects autonomously presented by the candidates, which will be carried out in the University Structure identified by the candidate as the basis of the research activity.

**1 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates with the following requirements may apply for the selection procedure:

1. PhD or equivalent qualification obtained abroad or, for the relevant fields, a medical specialization, which included an adequate scientific output, obtained in Italy, or equivalent qualification obtained abroad;
2. documented post doc or post specialization research activity, demonstrated by a collaboration relationship/contract of at least 12 months in scientific fields which are relevant to the proposed research activity.

Such activity must have been carried out through research grants, research scholarships or coordinated and continuous collaboration contracts for research activities or equivalent positions in Italy or abroad.

Applicants must possess these requisites on the expiration date of the deadline for the application to the selection procedure.

**2 - APPLICATION**

The application must be submitted following the computerized procedure available at the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/uninsubria/>

no later than

**MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021 12:00 PM**





The research grant proposals written in English or in Italian, must necessarily contain:

- a. the project title;
- b. The ERC (European Research Council 2016) macro-area: Social sciences and Humanities (SH), Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE), Life Sciences (LS) and related fields and subfields;
- c. the applicant's personal data;
- d. the applicant's curriculum vitae, which should also include the post-doc or post specialization research activity which is relevant to the scientific field of the project;
- e. a list of the applicant's major publications of the last 5 years;
- f. the proposed keywords, which will be used, together with the information described in letter b) above, to identify external reviewers;
- g. a description of the research project;
- h. the objectives and results which the project aims at obtaining;
- i. the Department or Special Center of the University of Insubria within which the research activity will be carried out;
- j. a letter by the Professor of the University of Insubria who undertakes to act as Research Coordinator, countersigned by the Director of the structure described in letter i) above, which will accommodate the applicant, should they be appointed recipient of the grant;
- k. a report of the activity so far carried out (according to article no. 34 of the "Regulations for the assignment of research grants"), only in case of "Junior" or "Senior" grants previously obtained from the University, to be sent to [assegni.borse@uninsubria.it](mailto:assegni.borse@uninsubria.it).

Each candidate is allowed to submit one application only.

All communications regarding the selection procedure will be published, as formal notifications for all intents and purposes, on the University's official online Board and on the "Calls" page of the University website.

### **3 - SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Each proposal will be evaluated by three external reviewers, drawn from the experts registered in the MIUR database, with respect for the criterion of correspondence of the ERC subfield and/or of the keywords indicated in each proposal with those indicated in their profile in the database.

Each proposal will be evaluated for:

- a. Its level of innovation and originality for a maximum of 10 points;
- b. The proposed methodological approach for a maximum of 10 points;
- c. The applicant's qualification with reference to the project's subject matter for a maximum of 10 points.

The proposals which obtained an overall assessment greater than or equal to 80% of the maximum achievable score will be admissible for the grant.

On the basis of the reviewers' assessments, the Selection Committee will compile four ranking lists: one ranking list for each ERC macro-area and one for the grant reserved to non-European candidates who do not reside in Italy, regardless of their ERC field.

The first two proposals of the ranking list of each ERC macro area and the first two proposals of the ranking list reserved to non-European candidates who do not reside in Italy, regardless of their ERC field, will be funded.

In the event of a tie, the proposal(s) presented by the youngest candidate(s) will be selected.

If, after having funded all admissible proposals of an ERC macro-area, some resources are still available, the Selection Committee may use them to fund admissible proposals which belong to other macro-areas.



Should there be no eligible candidates or admissible proposals, the University reserves itself the possibility of not allocating the reserved grants.

The ranking lists will be published on the University's official online Board and on the "Calls" page of the University website.

#### **4. EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR RESEARCHERS, CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCHERS AND CODE OF ETHICS**

The recruitment of fixed-term researchers (or Established Researcher, using the European definition) will conform to the European Charter for Researchers (ECR), the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (CCR) and the Code of Ethics, code of conduct and principles of research integrity of the University of Insubria, which provide the general framework for the guidelines and requisites for the roles, responsibilities and rights of these positions, thus guaranteeing that selections procedures are open, transparent and meritocratic. The University of Insubria received the European Quality Award "HRS4R - Human Resources Strategy for Researchers" in February 2019: such certification recognizes organizations their efforts to implement the Charter and Code in their policies and practice, and identifies the universities and institutions which create and promote a stimulating and encouraging research environment.

#### **5- INFORMATION**

The call will be published, pursuant to article no. 3 paragraph 2 of the current University Regulations on the assignment of research grants, on the University's official online Board and on the "Calls" page of the University, of the Ministry of Education, University and Research and of the European Union websites.

For any other matter not covered by this call, please refer to the "Regulations for the assignment of research grants", which is an integral and substantial part of this call.

The regulations are available on the University website.

For information, please contact the Research and Internationalization Office personnel via email at: [assegni.borse@uninsubria.it](mailto:assegni.borse@uninsubria.it) or by phone at 0332/397210-13.

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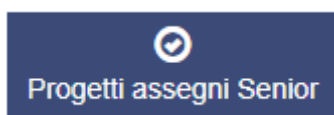
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## GUIDELINES FOR FILLING OUT THE “SENIOR” RESEARCH GRANTS FORM ON CINECA’S PICA PLATFORM

The funding proposals for “Seniors” research project grants for the 2020 call, must be submitted through Cineca’s PICA platform by logging in using the Loginmiur credentials, by selecting from the “Credentials” drop-down menu the “Loginmiur” entry, if you have already registered, or by registering using the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/uninsubria/>

click on the Senior Research Grants button:



and then on the Your applications button:

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### TECHNICAL NOTES FOR FILLING OUT THE FORM:

The form is divided into 5 filling out phases:

- Project registration
- Personal data and address
- Qualifications
- Declarations
- Publications

While compiling, it is possible to save the information entered and leave the application as a draft to fill out at a later date. Please remember that partial saving is only temporary: the data entered in the form are modifiable even after partially saving.

To submit the project, after having filled out the form, click on “Save and go to dashboard”. In the dashboard there are buttons that allow you to modify, view and submit the application:

After having clicked on “Sign and Submit”, the application must be perfected in one of the following manners:

- **Manually sign the form**  
To manually sign the form you must download the document in PDF format on your computer, print it, manually sign it, scan it as a PDF file and upload the latter to the site.
- **Sing the document on the ConFirma server**  
To digitally sign the document, you must have specific hardware which is compatible with the ConFirma service (for example, smart card or USB device with a digital certificate of subscription issued by an accredited certifying body). After signing, it will be possible to download the signed PDF file
- **Digitally sign the document on your electronic device**



To digitally sign the document, you must have specific hardware (for example, smart card or USB device with a digital certificate of subscription issued by an accredited certifying body) and a digital signature software with which you may create, starting from the PDF file of the document downloaded from this site, the signed pdf.p7m file to upload to the same site

**ATTENTION:** the scan must include, besides the application pages, a copy of a valid ID card in the last page (this step is not necessary if the copy of the ID card was entered among the application's attachments). You may view the application and click again on Submit at the bottom.

### **ENTERING THE ERC MACRO-AREAS, FIELDS AND SUBFIELDS**

The candidate is expected to enter, selecting them from a number of ordered lists, the ERC macro-areas, fields and subfields (up to three subfields may be entered), the latter of which should be entered in order of importance.

The system checks that all selected subfields belong to the same macro-area; if this is not the case (selections on multiple macro-fields or macro-areas), the system will present an error message and the user will not be able to continue until all selected subfields fall under the same macro-area.

### **KEYWORDS**

The "keywords" must be entered exclusively in English, by typing the first three letters of each of them and, later, by selecting the most fitting among those offered by the system.

### **SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

Final publications in IRInSubria published in the last 5 years, including those in publication, are the only ones which may be entered in the form.

### **FURTHER INDICATIONS**

For technical problems, you may contact [uninsubria@ceneca.it](mailto:uninsubria@ceneca.it) to receive assistance.

For administrative problems, you may contact the Research and Internationalization personnel at:  
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