

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS LP2024
SUPPORTING MEASURES FOR THE LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY
PUBLIC SELECTION FOR GRANTING n. 20 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATES
TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT CNR

The Director of CNR Unit 'International Relations'

CONSIDERING the Legislative Decree of 31 December 2009, no. 213, "Reorganisation of Research Bodies in implementation of article 1 of the Law of 27 September 2007", no. 165;

CONSIDERING the Legislative Decree of 25 November 2016, no. 218 implementing the "Simplification of the activities of Public Research Bodies in accordance with article 13 of the Law of 7 August 2015", no. 124;

CONSIDERING the Statute of the CNR, issued with the provision of CNR's President, no. 93, record no. 0051080/2018 of 19/07/2018, of which notification of publication was given on the website of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research on 25 July 2018, which came into force on the 1st of August 2018;

CONSIDERING the law of 7 August 1990, no. 241, concerning new regulations on matters of administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents and subsequent amendments;

CONSIDERING the directive of the Minister of Public Administration and Simplification no. 14/2011 for the application of the new measures on matters of certificates and declarations in lieu of affidavits referred to in article 15 of the Law of 12 November 2011, no. 183;

CONSIDERING the Law of 4 April 2012, no. 35 and, in particular, article 8, paragraph 1 and subsequent amendments;

CONSIDERING the Legislative Decree of 14 March 2013, no. 33, concerning the "Reorganisation of the regulations regarding the obligations of disclosure, transparency and dissemination of information by public administrations";

CONSIDERING the Legislative Decree of 30 June 2003, no. 196 "Code on the protection of personal data";

CONSIDERING the (EU) Regulation no. 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the Council of 27 April 2016 regarding the protection of physical persons concerning the processing of personal data, as well as the free circulation of these data, which revokes the directive 95/46/EC on the general regulation on the protection of data published in the Official European Gazette of 4 May 2016;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the CNR Resolution of 28/03/24 which re-affirms the will to promote capacity building in the field of research and culture in conflicted affected Countries or regional areas as instruments for promoting a long-lasting peace;

HAVING CONFIRMED the financial coverage of the grant for scholarship

ORDERS



Article 1

Purpose and modalities of the grant

The special programme for the promotion of the International Cooperation to support scientists at risk or of conflict affected territories aims at providing n. 20 scholarships for Lebanese and Palestinian graduates to conduct a period of research activity in one of the CNR Institutes, gathered in technical and scientific sectors, based in different parts of the Italian territory.

The scholarship grant consists of a monthly gross amount of 2.000 euros, renewable up to a maximum of three months. Moreover, a contribution of 1000 Euro for a round trip flight will be given to each winner of the selection.

The selection is based on qualifications and supplemented with a remote digital interview.

Research may concern the following scientific areas:

- Agrifood
- Bio-diversity
- Computer Science
- Cultural Heritage, Archaeology
- Earth and Marine Science
- Eco-systems
- Economics
- Engineering and Physics
- Environmental technologies
- Medicine, Neuroscience
- New Materials
- Renewable Energy
- Social Sciences
- Water Management

Article 2

Prohibition of cumulation and incompatibility

The scholarship grant cannot be combined with other allowances or grants of a similar nature funded by the Italian State. Moreover, the grant cannot be combined with salaries or remuneration of any kind derived from public employment or relationship with an Italian entity, except in the cases laid down by the subsequent Article 3, last paragraph.

The use of the grant is compatible with the attendance of Italian university PhD research courses without grants, as well as with the attendance of schools for post-graduate specialisation without grants, subject to the written permission of the Director of the Institute where the bursary is used.



The grant holder, seconded for reasons linked to the activity of the scholarship granted, shall be paid expenses equal to those due to the employees of the CNR, level V, exclusively charged to the Institution's funds at which the bursary is used.

The grant holder shall be insured, at the responsibility of the CNR Institute, against accidents that she/he could incur in carrying out the activity connected with the use of the bursary.

Article 3

Prerequisites for admission to the selection

This selection is related to the awarding of scholarships for scientific community in specific conflict affected geographical areas.

In order to participate in the selection, the applicants must be of Palestinian or Lebanese territories and in possession of the following prerequisites:

- a) A university study qualification in disciplines concerning the scientific areas listed in article 1. The relevance of the university qualification to the scientific area shall be confirmed by the commission at the time of the assessment of the qualifications.
- b) Knowledge of the English language.

The grant holders must move to the location the 'bursary' is used for the entire period of the scholarship award.

Article 4

Application and method of presentation

The application for participation, drawn up in the English language and signed by hand, must be sent exclusively by ordinary email to the CNR, at the email address: segreteria.relint@cnr.it by 30 June 2024 h. 5 pm CEST.

The call is published on CNR website (<http://www.cnr.it/en/international-relations>).

Should the deadline fall on a public holiday, it shall be extended to the first working day immediately thereafter.

Applications forwarded after the fixed period and those found to be incomplete shall not be considered.

The candidates will receive an e-mail confirming reception of the application.

The Application has to include:

1. The Application Form with duly filled in, dated and signed with a legible signature by the candidate and provided in PDF format.
2. A curriculum vitae (CV) of max 10 pages drawn up in the English language, dated and signed by hand with a legible signature by the candidate and provided in PDF format. In the CV, the candidate shall indicate status, personal details and qualities, the studies completed and the qualifications awarded. The candidate must also indicate any printed publications and/or patents, the services performed, the functions carried out, the positions occupied and any other scientific, professional and teaching activities conducted, reporting the exact references for each qualification indicated. Works that cannot be found through the web (for example, technical reports, essays, book chapters, patents) or, for those that can be found via web by



paid access, must be sent digitally by the candidate. A translation in the English language of the abstract must be attached to the documents, qualifications and publications, if drawn up in languages other than Italian or English.

3. A Research project proposal (maximum 1 page) dated and signed with a legible signature by the candidate and provided in PDF format;
4. A copy of a valid Passport document dated and signed with a legible signature by the candidate and provided in PDF format;
5. The Annex A) “INFORMATION NOTICE ON THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA” concerning the information briefing on personal data given in accordance with the (EU) Regulation no. 2016/679, dated and signed with a legible signature by hand by the applicant and provided in PDF format.

The original identity document (passport), signed legibly, must be presented for identification at the remote digital interview referred to in the subsequent article 6.

All communications concerning this selection shall be sent to the candidates' ordinary email address provided in the application form; CNR shall not accept responsibility for any problems arising from the lack of Internet connections or for having the candidate provided a wrong e-mail address.

Article 5

Exclusion from the selection

The following shall be grounds for automatic exclusion:

- the submission of the application after the periods and/or with methods other than those indicated in the article 4;
- the lack of the study qualifications required and here referred to the article 3 letter a).

Candidates admitted to the selection will be accepted conditionally. CNR can at any time order exclusion from the selection due to the lack of the prerequisites as in the article 4. Should the reasons that lead to the exclusion be confirmed after the selection process has been concluded, CNR shall order the forfeiture of any right consequent to the participation in the selection.

Article 6

Examination board

Selection methods and ranking shall be assessed by the Scientific Examination Board appointed by CNR. The Examination Board shall be published on the CNR's website (<http://www.cnr.it/en/international-relations>).

The Board can conduct the procedure by remote digital methods. Each member of the Scientific Examination Board can award ten points for the assessment of each candidate.

The selection is based on qualifications and supplemented with a remote digital interview.

As a preliminary step, the Board shall:



- allocate the score available among the categories of qualifications that it deems it can identify, ensuring that the maximum score reserved to each category is not worth more than the overall score.
- define the score to be reserved to the remote digital interview, as well as the minimum score that the candidates must attain in the assessment of the qualifications in order to be admitted to the interview.
- identify the CNR Institutes, most related to the scientific areas declared by the candidates.

The Board shall then assess the qualifications of each individual candidate and draw up a file containing, as well as the indication of the qualifications possessed by the candidate, a reasoned judgment and assessment attributed to the various qualifications.

The Board shall summon candidates who have obtained the minimum score laid down in the assessment of the qualifications in order to access the remote digital interview, by means of ordinary e-mail, with at least seven days' notice.

The operating methods regarding the conduct of the remote digital interview shall be communicated by CNR and shall be suitable to ensure they are publicised.

For the purpose of the merit ranking, the Board shall take account of the assessment of the qualifications and the result of the interview, as well as the scientific areas that need to be suitable for the implementation of Mediterranean cooperation and dialogue. At the completion of the works, the Board shall form the merit ranking.

Only candidates that have attained marks of no less than seven tenths of the total marks available to the Board shall be included in the merit ranking, according to the score obtained by each candidate. The selection procedure of the Board shall be minuted and signed on each page by the President of the Board.

Following the ranking of merit, each winner will be assigned to one of the CNR Institutes most related to the scientific areas selected by the candidate.

The merit ranking shall be approved by provision of the Director of CNR Unit for International Relations who appoints the winner(s), subject to verification of the validity of the procedure. In case of tied score, preference shall be given: a) to the applicant being younger at the date of the University degree.

The merit ranking list shall be published on the CNR's website (<http://www.cnr.it/en/international-relations>).

Article 7 Use of the ranking list

The grants that remain fully available due to the renunciation or forfeiture of the winners can be allocated to the next suitable candidate, according to the order of the ranking, within 10 days from the renunciation or forfeiture of the winner and, in any case, no longer than three months from the date of approval of the ranking.



Article 8

Granting, suspension and forfeiture of the study bursary

CNR shall communicate to each candidate the outcome of the selection by ordinary e-mail and an award letter to the selected applicant with all the information needed, including the date of start and expiring of the activities and of the grant for scholarship.

The scholarship grant consists of a monthly gross amount of 2.000 euros, renewable up to a maximum of three months. The grant will be paid in full upon the presentation of fiscal certificate of residence. In absence of this certificate CNR will make a withholding of 30% on the bursary for the payment of taxes.

Moreover, a contribution of 1000 Euro for a round trip flight will be given to each winner of the selection.

The selected candidates do not start the studies and research within the period established shall forfeit the bursary. The scholarship can be temporarily postponed only in few cases of urgent and serious reasons previously substantiated and communicated.

The scholarship can be suspended in the case of the holder is on maternity leave or due to an illness lasting longer than one month. The reasons for postponement or suspension must be in any case duly substantiated and presented.

A grant holder who, after starting the scheduled research activity, does not continue regularly for the entire duration of the bursary without justification and substantiated reasons, or who is responsible for serious and repeated absences or, finally, is found not having any aptitude for research, at the proposal of the research manager, shall be declared to be excluded from further use of the bursary, by justified order of the CNR Institute Director.

The person concerned shall be informed of the start of the exclusion procedure and has the right to make known her/his position in this regard, by means of written communication. The person concerned shall be given notice, with justification, of the conclusion of the procedure, which may consist either of the aforementioned order of grant revocation or continuation of the scholarship activities.

Article 9

Methods of payment

The grant shall be paid in monthly instalments. The first instalment shall be disbursed after the research manager has given notice that the grant holder has begun the activity at the chosen site. The subsequent instalments are disbursed in advance, unless the research manager fails to give notice that the conditions referred to in article 8 of this call for applications have been verified.

Those who, once the research has begun, are subject to a declaration of forfeiture or have renounced the use of the grant are obliged to return the amount advanced but not accrued. The request for the return of the instalment must be made by the Director of the CNR Institute, who must also issue the decree establishing the amount to be returned.



Article 10

Assessment of the research activity

At the end of the bursary period, the grant holder must send a brief report to the Director of the CNR Institute where she/he carried out the research. This report, validated by the Director, will be transmitted via e-mail to: segreteria.relint@cnr.it.

Article 11

Processing of personal data

The personal data provided by the candidates shall be processed for the purposes of managing this call for applications, including any use of ranking and for any subsequent granting of the scholarship, as specifically indicated in the Annex A) "INFORMATION NOTICE ON THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA", concerning the information briefing on personal data given in accordance with the (EU) Regulation no. 2016/679.

The data shall be processed by the National Research Council - Piazzale Aldo Moro no. 7 – 00185 Rome as the Data Controller in compliance with the (EU) Regulation no. 2016/679 and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003. The Data Controller is the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), in its organisational articulation of the International Relations Unit, headed by Dr Virginia Coda Nunziante, based in Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 - 00185 Rome. The data controller's point of contact is the Head of the International Relations Unit, at the CNR - Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7 - 00185 Rome (Email: segreteria.relint@cnr.it).

The provision of the data by the candidate is mandatory for the completion of the selection procedure, on pain of exclusion from the procedure.

The candidate enjoys the rights referred to in articles 15 and subsequent of the (EU) Regulation 2016/679, as specified in the Annex A).

Article 12

Access to the records

The right of access to the records of the selection procedure, in accordance with the Law of 7 August 1990, no. 241, and subsequent supplements and amendments, shall be exercised with the methods referred to in article 10 of the organisational measure no. 22 of 18 May 2007, as supplemented and amended by the provision no. 62 of 8 November 2007 (which can be consulted on CNR's website (<http://www.cnr.it/en/international-relations>) and with the limitations referred to in article 12.

Article 13

Publicity

Notification of this call for applications shall be published on the CNR's website (<http://www.cnr.it/en/international-relations>).

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