

MAIN INFORMATION OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

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CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR N° 1 (one) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (Assegno di Ricerca Post-doctoral) FOR COLLABORATION TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES in the framework of the Project: “Portable technologies and innovative protocols for ultrasensitive diagnosis of *Xylella fastidiosa* directly in plants and vectors (1LIVEXYLELLA)” – **Type of fellowship:** - **appointed to CNR-Institute for Sustainable Plant Protections (Sesto Fiorentino Unit)** – **Title of the call:** “Development of protocols for *Xylella fastidiosa* detection by using new portable technologies for quantitative analysis” (Sviluppo di protocolli per la diagnosi di *Xylella fastidiosa* con nuove tecnologie portatili per analisi quantitative).

PUBLIC SELECTION - There will be a public selection, based on qualifications and an interview, for the assignment of no. **1 (one) cat. C Postdoctoral Fellowship (Assegno di Ricerca Senior)** to carry out research activities at the Institute for Sustainable Plant Protection (CNR-IPSP – Sesto Fiorentino Unit) in the framework of the Project “Portable technologies and innovative protocols for ultrasensitive diagnosis of *Xylella fastidiosa* directly in plants and vectors (1LIVEXYLELLA)”, under the supervision of Dr. Nicola Luchi.

RESEARCH TOPIC - Innovative molecular approaches to detect and survey *Xylella fastidiosa* in field.

DURATION OF THE RESEARCH GRANT - The research grant duration is 12 months (see Art. 2 call CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

AMOUNT OF THE RESEARCH GRANT - The amount of the research grant, remitted monthly in deferred payments, is set at **Euros 22.000,00** for 12 months. This does not include any reimbursement for travels in Italy or abroad as may be necessary to carry out the research activities related to the grant. (see Art. 2 call CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SELECTION - Individuals of any nationality or age may apply to the selection if they are in possession of the following requirements at the deadline date for application submission:

- a) Possession of doctoral research degree (PhD) at least three years' duration in subjects related to the topic of the announcement;

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- b) Possession of a Master degree as defined by D.M. 509/99 and D.M May 5, 2004, or an equivalent foreign qualification;
- c) All qualifications obtained abroad, such as master degree, shall be previously recognized in Italy in accordance with current legislation (information on the website: <http://www.cimea.it/>; <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/equivalence-for-professional-purposes>). The equivalence of those diplomas that have not already been recognized in Italy with the aforementioned procedure, will be evaluated, only in the purpose of the present selection, by the Examining Committee constituted according to art. 6 of this announcement;
- d) Previous experience (e.g. work experience or thesis work) on research activities in:
 - plant pathology;
 - detection methods;
 - invasive pathogens.
- e) Certification, or self-certification- of the level of knowledge of English language.
- f) Declaration of not having benefited from CNR research grants, also taking into account any renewals, for a total duration of more than 5 years, even if not continuous
- g) Declaration of not having used the types of employment relationships referred to in Article 2 of the application notice for a total duration of more than 11 years, even if not continuous, without prejudice to periods spent on maternity leave or leave for health reasons in accordance with the regulations in force as well as periods carried out prior to the entry into force of Law 240/2010.

The research grant cannot cumulate with scholarships provided by the CNR or other organizations and research institutions, except those granted by the CNR or national or foreign institutions which serve to supplement the research activities of grantees with visiting periods abroad. The holders of research grants may attend PhD courses that do not result in payment of scholarships.

Employees of the CNR with permanent or fixed term contract and permanent staff employed by other parties as indicated in the Art. 22, paragraph 1, of the Law no. 240/2010 cannot apply, and the contractor/employee employed by government application will result in the placement on leave without pay.

With regards to the Art. 22, paragraph 3, of the aforementioned law, the ownership of this grant is not compatible with participation in the undergraduate or master degree, PhD with scholarship or medical specialization schools, in Italy or abroad. (see Art. 3 call CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES- Applications consist of:

- Application form (allegato A - CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)
- Curriculum vitae
- Self-certification form (allegato B - CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI) testifying the truthfulness of the contents of the Curriculum Vitae (Arts. 46 and 47, DPR 445/2000)
- Processing of personal data (allegato C - CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)
- Copy of a valid ID (Art. 76, DPR 445/2000)

In the curriculum the applicant must give a detailed description of personal information and achievements relevant for the position, such as education and working experiences, teaching and mentoring experiences, professional activities, publications or other titles.

The CNR administration can perform suitable checks on the truthfulness of the declarations (Italian, DPR 445/2000, Art. 71). All the supporting material (e.g., papers, technical reports, monographs, and book chapters) that cannot be freely downloaded from the web, should be sent by e-mail as annexes to the application.

Reference letters in electronic format can also be attached to the applications.

The applicant must not produce any further documentation (Art. 15, Law 183/2011).

Applicant must send applications by e-mail to: **protocollo.ipsp@pec.cnr.it**

For foreign applicants, the submission of the application and the statements referred to in paragraph 5 below may be made by regular e-mail, at segreteria@ipsp.cnr.it, where it is not possible to sign the application with a digital signature, the foreign applicant will validate the application by handwritten signature before the interview.

Emails must have as subject: “Notice of selection n. IPSP 221 2024 FI”. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the candidates after receiving the application.

The deadline for the submission of the application is 28 October 2024.

Applications submitted after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be taken into account. All the communication regarding this call will be sent to the email address of the candidates, CNR does not assume any liability for possible malfunctioning of web connections. Applicants with disabilities must explicitly request the necessary support in relation to their disability in the application. (see Art. 4 call CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

EXCLUSION FROM THE SELECTION -The Director of the Institute can exclude an applicant from the selection process at any time for well-motivated reasons, such as lack of requirements. The exclusion will be communicated to the applicant by email. (see Art. 5 call CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

EXAMINING COMMITTEE -The Examining Committee shall be appointed by the Director of the Institute and is composed of three people, researchers and experts in the field, who may be internal or external to CNR. (see Art. 6, CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI).

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND RANKING - The Committee will select the applicant by evaluation of the applications and by interview. (see Art. 7, CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

All candidates will receive a communication informing them whether they are admitted to the interview or not, at least 20 days before the date on which the interview is to be held. In the same convocation, an indication of the score given in the evaluation of qualifications will be provided.

An official notice will be sent to candidates that will not qualify for the interview, due to missing fulfillment of the requirements. The interview will be on **online or in presence** at the CNR-IPSP of Sesto Fiorentino Research Unit. Detailed instructions will be provided to the selected applicants by e-mail. All the communications and the interviews will be held in English.

To be eligible for the interview, the applicants must present a valid identity document.

The Applicants who are not present/available at the scheduled day and time of their interview will be declared ineligible. At the end of the selection procedure the Committee will publish the final results and ranking and will appoint the selected applicant. If two applicants have the same score, the younger applicant will be preferred. Final results, approved by the Director of the Institute, will be published on the CNR website: <http://www.urp.cnr.it>. If the selected applicant renounces the position, the Director of the Institute – with the agreement of the project supervisor - can appoint another applicant, following the score order.

The National Research Council will not reimburse any expenses incurred by candidates for participation in the selection process.

CONTRACT- Within 15 days after the publication of the final results, the Director of the Institute should submit to the appointed applicant, the fellowship award order with the starting date of the research program. Within 15 days after receiving this communication, the

selected applicant has to send back a signed copy of the aforementioned communication for acceptance. Any delay in the beginning of the research program can be justified only in cases accounted for in art. 2 of this announcement or for reasons of force majeure proved in due manner.

The selected applicant shall submit to the Director, within thirty days from the date of acceptance of the grant, the following documents (Italian Law 445/2000):

- a) self-certification indicating date and place of birth, citizenship, possess of political rights, education;
- b) a declaration in lieu of affidavit, on ordinary paper, of not having been dismissed or retired from the Public Administration for persistent poor performance, and not having been revoked by another state employment for having achieved it through the production of false or invalid documents and that she/he was not disqualified from holding public office on the basis of res judicata;
- c) copy of fiscal code card (codice fiscale);
- d) In case the winner is an employee of Public Administration, before beginning the research activity she/he must submit a copy of the order of placement on leave without pay.

Documents issued by the competent authorities of the State of which the foreign candidate is a citizen must comply with the provisions in force in that State. (see Art. 8, CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITY- The research project manager and the grantee shall forward to the Director of the Institute before the end of the contract, a complete report showing the progress of research. (see Art. 9, CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

PRIVACY POLICY - Under Art. 13 of Legislative Decree n. 196, June 30, 2003, the personal information provided by applicants will be collected at the Institute for the purpose of organizing the selection and will be processed in a database for the aim of the selection. (see Art. 10, CALL NO. IPSP 221 2024 FI)

ADVERTISING- The notice of selection shall be made public by the Director of the Institute, by publication on the website of the CNR (www.urp.cnr.it).

The person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Annalisa Cozzolino, Portici Unit of the Institute for Sustainable Plant Protection - email address: annalisa.cozzolino@ips.cnr.it.