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Subject:

Call for applications for two Post-Graduate Research Fellowships within the Project “Functional precision medicine for the therapy of malignant tumors”, funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 6 – Component 2 – Investment 1.3.2.3.3 (NHPH), identified by CUP D76G25000160006.

The deadline for the submission of applications is April 13, 2026.

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HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 398 of November 30, 1989, “Rules on university scholarships”;

HAVING REGARD TO Art. 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law no. 240/2010, as amended;

HAVING REGARD TO Art. 14, paragraph 6-vicies ter, of Decree-Law 36/2022, converted with amendments by Law no. 79 of June 29, 2022;

HAVING REGARD TO the University Regulations governing the award of Post-Graduate Study and Research Fellowships no. 517/2025, prot. no. 16242 I/3 of March 18, 2025;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT with Decree-Law 45/2025 “PNRR School” (converted into Law 79/2025 of June 7, 2025), the tax exemption for post-graduate study and research fellowships was abolished;

HAVING REGARD TO the note n. 20226 – III/13 dated March 30, 2026, in which Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio, Professor at the Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine and Scientific Director of activities related to the project: “*Functional Precision Medicine for the Treatment of Malignant Tumors*” under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 6 – Component 2 – Investment 1.3.2.3.3 NHPH, identified by CUP D76G25000160006, requested the establishment of **nine** postgraduate research fellowships lasting 5 months and with an all-inclusive amount of 15,277.77 euros each;

HAVING VERIFIED the total funding, amounting to €137,500.00 gross—which includes all costs borne by the Agency and the recipient, including IRAP—will be drawn from the funds of the project: “Functional Precision Medicine for the Treatment of Malignant Tumors,” grant no. 1337/2026, project MEDICINA_PRECISIONE_FUNZIONALE_TERAPIA_TUMORI;

HAVING HEARD the General Director;

HEREBY DECREES

Article 1

Public Call for Applications

A public selection procedure, based on qualifications and interview, is hereby announced for the awarding of no. 2 post-graduate research fellowships, each lasting 5 consecutive months. The cost for each fellowship is € 15,277.77 (fifteen thousand two hundred and seventy-seven/77), inclusive of all costs borne by the institution and the fellow, including IRAP (Regional Tax on Productive Activities).

The fellowships are intended to support research activities within the project: "*Functional Precision Medicine for the Therapy of Malignant Tumors*" funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 6 – Component 2 – Investment 1.3.2.3.3 (NHPH), identified by CUP (Unique Project Code) D76G25000160006.

The fellowships, for a total amount of € 30,555.54 (thirty thousand five hundred and fifty-five/54), inclusive of all charges borne by the Institution and the recipient including IRAP, will be funded by the project: "Functional Precision Medicine for the Therapy of Malignant Tumors", constraint no. 1337/2026, project code: MEDICINA_PRECISIONE_FUNZIONALE_TERAPIA_TUMORI.

Article 2

Candidates meeting the following requirements are eligible to participate in the selection procedure:

- Master's Degree in biomedical disciplines (Dentistry, Medicine, Biotechnology, Biology, Pharmacy);
- Strong background in cellular and molecular biology, oncology, and pharmacology;
- Basic knowledge of statistics and experimental data analysis.

All the above requirements must be fulfilled by the deadline for the submission of applications.

The eligibility of foreign qualifications shall be assessed by the Selection Committee, in accordance with the applicable regulations in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as with relevant international agreements on the recognition of qualifications for academic purposes.

For this purpose, candidates must upload, as part of their online application, all documentation necessary for the assessment of eligibility, including in particular the degree certificate and the transcript of records (list of examinations passed) or the study plan.

The submission of the online application shall be considered as an implicit request for the evaluation of the equivalence of the foreign qualification.

Article 3

The holding of the fellowship is incompatible with full-time employment, whether in the public or private sector. In the case of part-time employment, compatibility with the fellowship activities shall be assessed by the Scientific Supervisor.

The fellowship may not be held concurrently with other fellowships awarded for any reason, except for those granted by national or international institutions aimed at supporting the fellow's training or research activities through periods spent abroad.

Article 4

The application for the selection procedure must be submitted exclusively through the PICA platform (CINECA), by accessing the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unifg/2026-bds-21/domande/>

Applications must be received by the University no later than **11:59 PM (Italian time) on April 13, 2026**, under penalty of exclusion.

In the application, candidates must indicate the following reference:

No. 2 Fellowships within the Project "Functional Precision Medicine for the Therapy of Malignant Tumors", Rector's Decree (DR) no. [number] Protocol no. [number] dated [date].

The submission must include the application form, duly completed and signed, together with all required documentation exclusively in PDF format and a copy of a valid identity document.

In the application, the candidate must declare, under their own responsibility and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure:

- a) Surname and first name;
- b) Date and place of birth and a non-certified (standard) e-mail address;
- c) Title of the research activities, duration, protocol number, and Rector's Decree (D.R.) repertory number for which they intend to apply;
- d) Citizenship;
- e) The Municipality in whose electoral rolls they are registered, or the reasons for non-registration or removal from said rolls. Foreign citizens must declare that they enjoy civil and political rights in their State of origin or citizenship, or the reasons for the lack of such enjoyment;
- f) That they have no criminal convictions and are not aware of any pending criminal proceedings. Otherwise, they must specify the convictions received, the date of the sentence, and the issuing Judicial Authority;
- g) That they meet the requirements set forth in Art. 2 of the Call;
- h) That they are not currently employed by public or private entities under a full-time subordinate employment contract;

i) Pursuant to Law no. 104 of February 5, 1992, candidates with disabilities, in relation to their right to take the examinations, must specify in their application the necessary aids required for the tests and any request for additional time to complete them.

l) Place of residence, as well as the domicile or contact address, including the postal code (ZIP code), where communications regarding this call should be sent. Any changes to the residence or contact address specified in the application must be promptly communicated to this University.

The University shall not be held liable for the loss of communications resulting from inaccurate or incomplete contact details provided by the candidate, or from failure or delay in notifying any changes to such details. Furthermore, the University shall not be responsible for any postal or telecommunication errors, or for issues attributable to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances, or force majeure. The following documents must be attached to the application:

- A copy of a valid identity document;
- A curriculum vitae detailing the candidate's scientific and professional activities;
- A declaration stating that the candidate is not currently engaged in full-time employment in the public or private sector and is not the recipient of any other fellowship awarded by public or private institutions;
- Any certificates or diplomas (e.g., postgraduate courses, research activities carried out at research institutions);
- A self-declaration of evaluable qualifications pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree (DPR) no. 445 of December 28, 2000.

References to documents not attached to the application or previously submitted to this University will not be considered.

For information regarding the application procedure or for further clarification, candidates may contact the Post-Graduate and Advanced Studies Office (Area Alta Formazione e Studi Avanzati) of the University of Foggia at the following e-mail address: postlaurea@unifg.it.

Article 5

The Selection Committee shall be appointed by Rector's Decree, upon proposal of the Scientific Supervisor.

The Committee's evaluation shall be final and not subject to appeal on the merits.

Article 6

The selection process will consist of an evaluation of qualifications and an interview.

The Selection Committee will have a total of 100 points at its disposal, distributed as follows: 40 points for qualifications and 60 points for the interview.

The criteria for the evaluation of qualifications shall be determined by the Selection Committee within the following limits:

- Up to 5 points for the final degree grade, awarded as follows:
 - Up to 107/110 = 1 point;
 - 108/110 = 2 points;
 - 109/110 = 3 points;
 - 110/110 = 4 points;
 - 110/110 con lode (with honors) = 5 points.
- Up to 35 points for professional experience of at least 12 months with PhD or research fellowships.
- 1 point for each month of PhD or research fellowship.

Candidates will not be admitted to the interview if they do not achieve a score of at least 21/40 in the evaluation of qualifications.

The evaluation of qualifications will take place online on April 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

For candidates admitted to the interview, the score from the evaluation of qualifications will be communicated at the time of the interview itself.

The interview will focus on the following topics:

Technical Skills

- Clinical knowledge of the use of biomarkers in precision oncology;
- Familiarity with cell culture techniques (2D and preferably 3D);
- Experience, including at a basic level, in cell viability assays, cytotoxicity, and pharmacological analysis;
- Knowledge of laboratory methods such as cytotoxicity and cell viability assays, ELISA and cell imaging;
- Ability to work in Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) conditions and strict compliance with standard safety procedures.

Scientific Aptitude

- Specific interest in translational oncology and precision medicine, with prior knowledge and publications in the field.

The Selection Committee will have 60 points at its disposal for the interview.

The test will be considered passed if the candidate achieves a score of at least 42 out of the 60 available points.

The interview will take place online on April 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM via the following link: meet.google.com/edd-cfyc-hrr

Any changes to the date, time, or location of the examination will be published on the website www.unifg.it in the dedicated section.

To take the examination, candidates must present a valid identity document. Failure to attend the interview will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

Once the examination is completed, the Committee will compile the general merit ranking with a reasoned report. In the event of a tie in the score, the fellowship will be awarded to the youngest candidate. Should a fellowship become available due to the winner's withdrawal, it will be assigned to the next eligible candidate in the order of the merit ranking.

The interview results and the final ranking will be disclosed to candidates through publication on the website www.unifg.it in the dedicated section.

Article 7

The fellowship will be awarded by means of Rector's Decree based on the merit ranking drawn up by the Selection Committee. The awarding of the fellowship to the winner is contingent upon the accreditation of the necessary financial resources to the Ateneo.

Once the funds have been credited, the winner must submit the following documents, under penalty of forfeiture:

- A declaration of acceptance of the fellowship;
- A self-declaration stating that the selected candidate will not receive any other fellowships and will not hold any employment in the public or private sector for the entire duration of the fellowship;
- A Copy of the Italian Tax Code (Codice Fiscale);
- A Curriculum Vitae, for the purpose of publication on the University website under "Transparent Administration" (*Amministrazione Trasparente*), in an open format (PDF generated from Word, not scanned) and devoid of personal contact details (residence, phone, e-mail, etc.), marital status, tax code, place of birth, or signature, in order to reduce the risk of identity theft.

The fellowship does not entitle the holder to social security benefits, nor does it constitute recognized service for the purposes of legal or economic career advancement, nor for pension rights.

The fellowship holder shall be provided with insurance coverage against professional risks and accidents related to the activities carried out, for the entire duration of the fellowship. The University shall provide such insurance coverage using the funds allocated to the fellowship.

Article 8

Personal data will be processed in compliance with the principles set forth in EU Regulation no. 679/2016 (GDPR) regarding the protection of personal data.

Attached to this regulatory act is the specific information notice for the processing of personal data. Providing such data for the indicated purposes is mandatory, and failure to do so may prevent the acceptance of the application for the post-graduate research fellowship and the establishment of the subsequent relationship.

Data subjects may, at any time, exercise their rights as provided for in Articles 15 to 22 of the aforementioned EU Regulation 2016/679.

The Data Controller is the University of Foggia, in the person of its legal representative, the *pro tempore* Rector, domiciled for the office at the registered headquarters of the Institution, Via Gramsci no. 89/91, 71122 Foggia, PEC: protocollo@cert.unifg.it – E-mail: rettorato@unifg.it.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is domiciled at the headquarters of the University of Foggia and can be reached at the following e-mail address: dpo@unifg.it – PEC: rpd@cert.unifg.it.

Article 9

The recipient shall be obliged to:

- a) Commence the research activity on the scheduled date, in accordance with the instructions provided by the Scientific Supervisor;
- b) Carry out the activity regularly for the entire duration of the fellowship. Short interruptions may be justified only for health reasons or in duly documented cases of force majeure; any prolonged interruption shall result in the forfeiture of the fellowship.

The fellowship shall take effect from the date of notification of the commencement of activities by the Scientific Supervisor.

The amount of the fellowship will be paid in monthly installments, in arrears (*posticipate*) following the performance of the study activity. In this regard, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Scientific

Supervisor to verify the continuity of the research activity by the fellow, according to the agreed work plan, and to communicate any interruptions.

A fellowship holder who, for any reason, does not complete the research period shall not be required to repay the installments already received but shall not be entitled to any payment corresponding to the uncompleted period.

Article 10

For any matters not expressly provided for in this call, reference shall be made to the applicable legislation governing higher education, as well as to relevant ministerial provisions on fellowships and any other regulations in force.

Article 11

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of August 7, 1990, as amended and supplemented, the Officer in Charge of this Administrative Procedure (Responsabile del Procedimento) is Dr. Pierluigi Rossano Centola. Any information or clarification may be requested from the Post-Graduate and Advanced Studies Office – Doctoral, Fellowship, and Research Grant Service (Servizio Dottorati, Borse di Studio, Assegni di Ricerca), tel. +39 0881/338359, e-mail: postlaurea@unifg.it.

Article 12

This call for applications will be published by posting on the Official Online Notice Board (*Albo Telematico*) of the University of Foggia, on the website www.unifg.it (RESEARCH – RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS - [TITLE]), with specific indication of the deadline for the submission of applications by interested parties.

THE VICE PRO-RECTOR

(PROF.SSA DONATELLA CURTOTTI)

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This attachment must be completed in its entirety by the candidate, written legibly in **block letters**, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process.

TO THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

The undersigned _____, born in _____ (Province of _____) on _____, resident in _____ (Province of _____) Address: _____, no. __, tel. _____, email _____ requests to be admitted to the selective procedure, based on qualifications and interview, for the assignment of 2 research fellowships, for a duration of _____, for the performance of a research program titled: " _____", within which the fellow will carry out the research activity named: _____ published in the Official Notice Board of the University of Foggia with Decree Rep. _____ no. _____ Protocol no. _____ dated _____

Declares under their own responsibility that:

1. They are a citizen of _____ (a);
2. They are registered in the electoral rolls of the Municipality of _____ (b);
3. They have no criminal convictions and are not aware of any pending criminal proceedings (c);
4. They possess the educational qualifications required by Art. 2 of this call (complete all fields): (indicate degree) _____ class _____ obtained at the University of _____ with a grade of _____/_____ on date _____
 - o Aptitude for research and in-depth study of the subject matter of the call. Description: _____
5. They are aware that the fellowship in question cannot be combined with other fellowships awarded for any reason, except for those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to supplement the fellow's training or research activity with periods abroad;
6. They have the following disability: _____, and therefore requests, pursuant to Law 104/92, the necessary assistance and any additional time required in relation to their disability to take the examinations (list on a separate sheet);
7. They wish to receive all communications regarding the selection at the following address (only if different from the residence address): _____ e-mail).

Attachments to the application:

- Photocopy of a valid identity document;
- Scientific-professional curriculum vitae;
- Certificates or publications deemed valid for the purpose of the selection;

- Signed personal data processing information notice.

Place and date _____

SIGNATURE _____

Explanatory Notes:

a) Indicate the citizenship held.

b) In case of non-registration or removal from the electoral rolls, indicate the reasons; foreign citizens must also declare that they enjoy full civil and political rights in their State of origin or provenance, or state the reasons for the lack of such rights.

c) If otherwise, indicate any criminal convictions received, the date of the judgment, and the Judicial Authority that issued it. This information must be provided even if amnesty, judicial pardon, remission, indult, "non-mention", etc., have been granted, and even if no record appears in the criminal certificate.

Self-Certification Form

(Pursuant to Art. 46 – Presidential Decree no. 445 of Dec 28, 2000)

The undersigned: (Surname) (Name)
..... Born in
(Province), on Tax Code (Codice Fiscale)
..... Currently residing in
..... (Province), address
..... ZIP code, Telephone
..... Email,

Being aware of the provisions of Art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 regarding the criminal penalties for cases of falsification of documents and mendacious (false) statements mentioned therein,

HEREBY DECLARES:

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The undersigned expresses their consent for the data provided in this declaration to be processed, in compliance with Legislative Decree no. 196 of June 30, 2003, for the requirements related to the public selection for the fellowship they are applying for.

Place and date,

The Declarant (Signature)

Statutory Declaration

(Pursuant to Art. 47 – Presidential Decree no. 445 of Dec 28, 2000)

The undersigned: (Surname) (Name)
Born in
(Province), on Tax Code (Codice Fiscale)
..... Currently residing in
..... (Province), address
..... ZIP code, Telephone
..... Email,

Being aware of the provisions of Art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 regarding the criminal penalties for cases of falsification of documents and mendacious (false) statements mentioned therein,

HEREBY DECLARES:

That the copies of the documents attached hereto and listed below are true and faithful copies of the originals in my possession:

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The undersigned expresses their consent for the data provided in this declaration to be processed, in compliance with Legislative Decree no. 196 of June 30, 2003, for the requirements related to the public selection for the fellowship they are applying for.

Place and date,

The Declarant (Signature)