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## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CATANIA

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### THE RECTOR

**ACCORDING TO** the Statutes of the University of Catania;

**ACCORDING TO** Italian Law 240, December 30, 2010, under the provisions of the university organization, including the academic staff, the recruitment and the delegation of powers ensuring the provision and the implementation of incentives, quality and efficiency of the university system, as per Art. 18, Par. 5, F);

**ACCORDING TO** Italian Law 35, April 4, 2012, as to the “Conversion into law” amended and ruled by Decree No 5, February 9, 2012, determining “Urgent regulatory provisions as part of a primary effort to streamline and develop the process” as per Art. 49, Par. 1, H), amending Art. 18, Par. 5, F) of the above Law 240/2010;

**ACCORDING TO** University regulation for the awards of research fellowships” as per Rector’s Decree No 5, January 4, 2016, with further amendments and adjustments approved by the Rector’s Decree No 2699, August 8, 2016;

**ACCORDING TO** Rector’s Decrees No 2961, October 8, 2019 and No 3412, November 5, 2019, Prof. Salvatore Baglio, appointed to the role of Rector’s Delegate for the research, exercises ultimate authority to sign the relevant acts and administrative measures;

**ACCORDING TO** Order No 4525, issued by Director General on November 8, 2017, and Order No 5, issued by Director General on January 7, 2020, Mr Lucio Mannino, appointed to the role of divisional director for ARI, exercises ultimate authority for the adoption of administrative measures involving external administration;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the application - Ref. No. 267824, September 20, 2019 - submitted by **Prof. Ferdinando Branca** from Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) requesting that one fellowship, based on qualification requirements and interview over a period of 12 months and for a gross amount of 20,000.00 euro, be allocated for a research activity performing “**Characterization and evaluation of Broccoli, green beans and tomatoes for agronomic and nutraceutical traits and for seed production for the development of the BRESOV project**” on a topic subject related to “H2020 Project: *breeding for resilient, efficient and sustainable organic vegetable production (BRESOV) CUP: E66H17000030006*”;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the Rector’s decree No 2923 October 7, 2019 by which the above selection for the award of a research fellowship was announced;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the Rector's decree No 3848 December 5, 2019 by which established that the research fellowship was not awarded for a lack of suitable candidates;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the application - Ref. No. 340711, November 28, 2019 - submitted by Director of Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment requesting that one fellowship be allocated at the same condition as request previously;

**ENSURED** that all costs shall be covered by the department Di3A, by means of a provisional commitment No. 62747 on September 9, 2019;

## DECREES

1. A selection procedure is open for the award of one Research Fellowship in accordance with Art. 18, Par. 5 of Italian Law 240/2010, in line with University of Catania Rules and Regulations for the awarding of research fellowships.
2. The research project, the research topic subject and the Department whereby the fellowship and related research activities will be carried out are specified in the announcement.
3. The total amount for research fellowships including insurance coverage shall be allocated on the basis of a financial commitment specified in the introduction.

Place and date

Catania, 15.01.2020

**THE RECTOR**

*(Prof. F. Priolo)*

**IL DELEGATO ALLA RICERCA**

*Prof. Salvatore Baglio*

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI CATANIA Protocollo Generale
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Rep. Decreti n°. 91



**PUBLIC SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ONE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**  
**Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A)**

**ART. 1**

A public selection procedure is open for the award of 1 Research Fellowship based on qualifications and interview at the University of Catania, for the following topic subject: **“Characterization and evaluation of broccoli, green beans and tomatoes for agronomic and nutraceutical traits and for seed production for the development of the BRESOV Project”**;

Research programme: “H2020 Project: *breeding for resilient, efficient and sustainable organic vegetable production (BRESOV) CUP: E66H17000030006*.”

Research Activities: “The aim of the research activity is the agronomic, nutraceutical and genetic evaluation of Brassicaceae of interest as vegetable for water stress and the evaluation of agronomic techniques for the production of biological seed or broccoli, green beans and tomatoes. The activity includes bibliographic research of recent ISI published articles concerning planned activities, field surveys, processing of acquired data and preparation of the monthly and final reports”.

Duration months: 12 (twelve);

Amount: € 20,000.00 (twenty thousand euro / 00) gross including charges to the Administration;

Location: Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A)

Scientific Director: Prof. Ferdinando Branca

**ART. 2**

The selection procedure is open to candidates who meet the following criteria and requirements before and within the application deadline:

- Master’s degree in Agricultural Science and Technology (LM-69) or Agricultural biotechnology (LM-7) or any other equivalencies.

The following skills and experience shall be evaluated in relation to the profile needed and the research programme requirements:

- 1 Previous research experience in the field of horticulture and / or biological, biochemical and genetic laboratory activities;
2. A good command of English.

### ART. 3

Applications are open to everyone with no bias in regard to nationality.

All applications shall be addressed, undersigned and submitted by all candidates on unstamped paper, as per Annex. 1) and must be addressed to **Magnifico Rettore c/o Dipartimento di Agricoltura, Alimentazione e Ambiente (Di3A) - Via Santa Sofia, 100 – 95123 - Catania.**

The application and the enclosed documentation must be received within twenty days from the publication date of Announcement, available on Albo on-line section of the University website.

Applicants are strictly required to send the application and its enclosures by:

- **registered mail with return receipt** (the date on the postmark *standing in* as proof of delivery);
- **hand-delivered envelope** at the Dipartimento di Agricoltura, Alimentazione e Ambiente (Di3A) - Via Santa Sofia, 100 – 95123 - Catania, Responsabile del Servizio Amministrativo e del Personale: Sig.ra Maria Provvidenza Castorina/Sig.ra Floreana Mangano - Telefono: 095-7147556/095-4783334;

The delivery date is acknowledged by the recipient organization and thereby a reference number shall be given to it.

In the envelope, duly closed, candidates shall give their personal details and the following statement must be made: **“Bando N°. .... 2020 - Borsa di Ricerca”**.

Applications by any other means will not be accepted and must be submitted no later than the date of the deadline. In the event of untraceable applications being lost in the process, the Administration will not be held responsible for them.

Should the Administration fail to communicate with applicants due to wrong address provided by them or any change of address belatedly notified, the Administration will not be held responsible for it. The same applies to postal or telegraphic errors because of third parties, chance or any unforeseeable circumstances.

When applying, candidates are expected to make a formal statement under their own responsibility:

- personal details, date and place of birth, fiscal code, residence, postal address and postcode, telephone number and e-mail address;
- citizenship;
- possession of qualification(s) required for admission, specifying the award date, the degree mark, name of home University, or any equivalent institution and/or qualification gained overseas. (*Any qualifications gained overseas but not formally converted into the equivalent grading system need to be certified by a Declaration of Value by Italian authorities. Candidates will be expected to justify their reason for applying before being assessed and thereby enclose the grading system used in their home countries to make their own application relevant. In this particular case, the*

- Additional skills and experience (such as diplomas or post-graduate certificates of attendance, gained in Italy or abroad, any involvement in national/European projects or research activities in public or private institutions carried out by grants, fellowships or bilateral agreements);
- not to be or become subject to any legal prohibitions provided by Art. 4 of this announcement.

Candidates are required to also enclose the following documents to support their application:

- a) curriculum vitae;
- b) a written statement according to Italian DPR 445, December 28, 2000 certifying that holders of relevant qualifications comply with Annex B, alongside any other requirements;
- c) original copies of publications (if required), i.e. made by a photostat with an enclosed statement certifying as being in conformity with the original document (as Annex C) according to Italian D.P.R. 445, December 28, 2000;
- d) overseas qualifications need to be ascertained and certified as being legally acceptable in Italy. Should this recognition not be available yet, the equivalencies shall be determined by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of candidates' admission to selection;
- e) a front and back copy of a valid ID document;
- f) a list of documents and materials submitted therein shall be made on a separate sheet with date and signature.

Candidates shall be granted provisional admission to selection as the Administration reserves the right to carry out sample checks to ascertain the full validity of all the information and certifications presented herein.

#### **ART. 4**

Research fellowships cannot be awarded in addition to any other ongoing bursaries, unless they are awarded by national or international bodies for a research activity to be carried out overseas.

Research fellowships cannot be awarded in addition to any other ongoing salaries or paid activities.

Under no circumstances can the assignee receive by University funding any other financial contribution in addition to the amount of the fellowship allocated and/or any external subsidies provided for this announcement.

The fellowship holder is required to declare, under his/her own responsibility, the non-existence of any other financial involvement or commitment and pledge to promptly report any different circumstance or change of circumstances.

#### **ART. 5**

The deadline for submissions must be met as required and members of the Examination Board along with the involvement of a designated council for the research unit and the teaching activity shall be

chosen by the Director thereafter. The Examination Board is comprised of three academics, one of whom by a financier where necessary.

Members of the Examination Board shall be expected to schedule interviews with candidates to take place at a particular time and place (if required by the announcement). Interviews shall serve the purpose of ascertaining candidates' ability to carry out the research activity as required.

Based on a predefined scoring system, the selection procedure shall consist in assessing all qualifications submitted by aspiring candidates including their curricula. The assessment criteria are preliminarily set out by the Examination Board, using 100 as a grading system; 40 scores out of 100 shall be used for the assessment of qualifications, whereas 60 out of 100 shall be given to the interview outcome. Assessment results, including date and place where interviews shall take place, will be published online on the *Albo* section. This online *Albo* is to be understood as a formal notice, and hence the Administration need not send any further communication to candidates thereafter. The *Albo* shall be online at least 10 days before interviews do take place, listing candidates and their respective scoring in descending order based on an overall score earned by each one of them. Should there be an equal merit among candidates, the one with a PhD prevails, i.e. in the medical context the area of specialty counts as long as a specific requirement is not expressly mentioned; in case of ongoing state of parity, the younger candidate shall prevail.

At the end of the selection process, the Examination Board will provide the relevant office with a documentation package including the minutes taken and an explanatory report on those applicants who were instead rejected in the process. The Examination Board is expected to finish the job within 30 days from formal notice to assignee. The list is released by the rector's decree and published on the website section concerned, the University's "Albo". This form of information is deemed an official notice, for all purposes, so that no further communication to candidates will be needed.

## **ART. 6**

Winning fellows shall be duly as well as formally informed by the Administration. Forfeiture of the entitlement to the fellowship for dropouts and for those who do not accept to carry out the research activity within the prescribed time of 10 working days from formal notice. In case of express waiver or nonacceptance, the Administration shall be advised by the Scientific Director in charge as to whom, in the merit list, the fellowship is supposed to be given.

The fellowship holder is required to carry out the research activity regularly and uninterruptedly, save a temporary suspension supported by proof of reason for the Scientific Director to take into account and possibly accept, failing that, fellowship holders shall be held responsible for serious or repeated failures.

Fellowship holders who do not show adequate aptitude for research may be dismissed by the Rector on well-founded reasons as advised by the Scientific Director and after hearing the incumbent fellow.

Fellowship holders have the duty to give notice in case of non-fulfilment of required formalities and conditions.

#### **ART. 7**

On behalf of fellowship holders, according to Art. 18, Par. 5, F) of Italian Law 240/2010, the University will cover the costs of civil liability insurance deriving from bodily injury or property damage caused by fellowship holders to a third party and for any other injury deriving from research activities that were performed across University facilities where incumbent fellows are formally authorised to work. The aforementioned insurance coverage shall be provided by competent body and authority.

#### **ART. 8**

The start date and the research methods are defined by the Scientific Director, in agreement with the Departmental Director in charge. The Scientific Director is required by law to send due notice to competent offices or authorities within 15 days from research grant being awarded.

Fellowship holders have the right to access the relevant university facility and the duty to pay close attention to relevant safety standards and procedures.

Fellows shall be paid on a monthly basis and either at the end of their research grant or in the course of it, they may be invited to present accurate reports on the research study performed.

The University shall be the exclusive owner of research results according to current legislation hereto, unless a different ownership is clearly mentioned and named in the grant agreement.

The contract hereby confers the right to make use of the fellowship, but it does not establish an employment relationship, nor does it give rise to any social security treatments.

#### **ART. 9**

Candidates are expected to collect, at their own expense, the qualifications and the documentation presented herein within three months after the publication of the merit list. From that point on, the University cannot be held in any way responsible for the safe custody of their documents.

#### **ART. 10**

According to Art. 11 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 ("Legislative code regarding data protection"), personal data are processed for the sole purpose of this announcement. Providing personal data is mandatory for the assessment of formal requirements, at risk of not being eligible for selection.

Interested parties may, at any time, exercise the rights provided by Art. 7 of the above Legislative Decree, including the right to access personal data and have incorrect, incomplete or collected information rectified, updated, completed or deleted in accordance with the law.

**ART. 11**

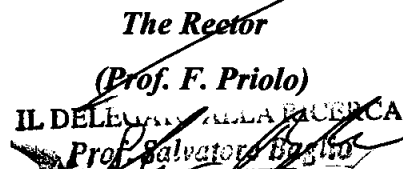
Any further issue not covered by this announcement is remitted to the current legislation ruling the terms and conditions for research grant awards, as specified in the introduction.

According to the Law 241/1990, along with any further amends, modifications or additions, the Officer in charge of the selection procedure for this announcement is Mrs. Rosalba Bartilotti Research Office - Research Grants, Via Fragalà n. 10, Catania, tel. 095-4787433 e-mail [r.bartilotti@unict.it](mailto:r.bartilotti@unict.it), supported by the Chief of the Administrative Services and Personnel at the Department of Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) - Telephone: 095-7147556/095-4783334 – Email: [mcastori@unict.it](mailto:mcastori@unict.it); [floreana.mangano@unict.it](mailto:floreana.mangano@unict.it).

*Research Division Director*  
*(Mr L. Mannino)*



*The Rector*  
*(Prof. F. Priolo)*  
IL DELEGATO ALLA RICERCA  
*Prof. Salvatore Baggio*





**ALLEGATO 1**

*To the Rector  
of the University of Catania c/o  
Department of Agriculture, Food and  
Environment (Di3A)  
- Via Santa Sofia, 100 – 95123 -  
Catania*

**Public selection for the awarding of n. 1 research fellowships**

**Location:** *Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) - Via Santa Sofia, 100 – 95123 - Catania*

Call n. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I, the undersigned**  
*(fullname)* \_\_\_\_\_

ASK

**to be admitted in the public selection for the award of 1 Research Fellowship based on qualifications and interview at the University of Catania, for the following topic subject:**

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**for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) - Via Santa Sofia, 100 – 95123 – Catania.**

To this end, aware of the penalties provided for in the case of a false declaration and forfeiture of any benefits obtained as a result of the provision issued on the basis of the untruthful declaration (articles 75 and 76 of the Presidential Decree of 28 December 2000, n. 445), taken viewing the selection announcement and accepting all the conditions and prescriptions contained therein, pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/2000 and ss.mm. ii., declares under its own responsibility:

- 1) Fullname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax identification number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 sex F  M   
 Born \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 Resident in \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 tel. \_\_\_\_\_ mobile number \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- 3) to be in possession of the following qualifications:  
 Master Degree in \_\_\_\_\_

awarded by the University \_\_\_\_\_ vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) to be in possession of the following additional admission requirement (s) (if required by the notice):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

*(The titles obtained abroad must, as a rule, be previously recognized in Italy according to the legislation in force on the subject)*

- 5) not to incur the cumulative prohibitions set forth in art. 4 of this announcement;

- 6) to elect their domicile, for the purposes of selection in: \_\_\_\_\_

(prov. \_\_\_\_\_) Address \_\_\_\_\_

and to undertake to communicate any subsequent changes, recognizing from now on that the administration does not assume any responsibility for the dispersion of communications due to incorrect indications of the delivery by the candidate or from failed or delayed communication of the change of the indicated address in the application, or for any postal or telegraphic problems or in any case attributable to a third party, due to unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

Besides, I the undersigned

ASK

Y  NO  the evaluation of equivalence of qualifications obtained abroad, for the sole purpose of participation in the selection. To this end, attach the documentation referred to in art. 2, point 3, in the manner indicated by art. 4, point 9, last cpv.; <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>

Y  NO  the preparation of compensatory measures for the performance of the interview, as a disabled person. We reserve the right to present before the completion of the test, appropriate certification issued by the public health authority responsible for the area, in accordance with Law 104/1992 and following. mm. ii .. () (tick only if the notice provides for the interview).

**I, the undersigned** expresses its consent for the personal data provided to be processed, in compliance with Legislative Decree 30 June 2003, n. 196, and subsequent amendments and additions, for the obligations related to this selection.

Attached to this application:

1. Curriculum vitae et studiorum according to the European format, dated and signed;
2. the Declaration of equivalence or the Declaration of Value (if the candidate already has one);
3. the following scientific and / or professional qualifications and publications (if required) assessable in accordance with art. 5 of the announcement:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Application to be made only if you have a qualification obtained abroad for which you must file an application for equivalence to the Commission of selection.

<sup>2</sup> If the educational qualification has not already been declared equivalent or the Declaration of Value has not yet been issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities competent for the territory, it can be produced: 1) in original; 2) in authentic copy; 3) in photocopy, with attached declaration in lieu of notarial deed, pursuant to art. 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, (model: all.B) together with a copy of a valid identity document. It will also be necessary to produce a legalized Italian translation of the title or an Italian translation accompanied by a self-declaration of conformity to the original of the translation itself.

- c) \_\_\_\_\_
4. the list of documents presented, dated and signed;
  5. a photocopy of the identification document.

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The signature does not require authentication)*

# UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA

## Affidavit

(according to Italian Presidential Decree 445, Art. 46 and 47, on December 28, 2000)

I, the undersigned, .....,  
born in ....., on.....,  
residing in .....,  
at the following address: .....,  
candidate for public selection for the awarding of n. 1 research fellowships - Call n.....date.....

fully aware of the criminal liability that may arise from false or misleading statements,

### I HEREBY DECLARE

to be in possession of the following academic and professional qualifications:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

I also declare to be informed, pursuant to and for the purposes of art. 13 of Legislative Decree 196/2003, which personal data collected will be processed, even with IT tools, exclusively in the context of the procedure for which the this declaration is made. The consent to the processing of the data provided is not required pursuant to art. 24 of the D.Lgs. 196 / 03.

Catania, \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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### I HEREBY DECLARE

that the photocopies of the titles attached to the application and listed below comply with the originals:

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Catania, \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

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