

D.R. n. 374/2017  
prot. 9575**THE RECTOR**HAVING REGARD TO  
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article 19 of Law No. 240/10;  
the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research Decree No. 45 of 8 February 2013 : "Regulation containing the accreditation methods of the locations and PhD programmes and the criteria for the institution of PhD programmes by accredited bodies" and, in particular, the Art. 8, section 5, which establishes that "*Communitarian and international cooperation projects may provide for specific admission procedures and organizational modalities which take into account the features of the various projects, provided that they are activated in accredited PhD Programmes*";

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the University of Molise Statute;  
the University of Molise "Regulations for PhD courses";  
the University of Molise "Regulations on Research grants";  
the resolutions of the Board of Agriculture, Environment and Food Department which, on 27 July 2017, has approved the European Research Project: "*From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers* – INTERFUTURE, funded in the framework of HORIZON 2020 – Marie Skłodowska – Curie actions – Innovative Training Network (ITN) – European Industrial Doctorates (EID);

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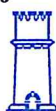
the provisions adopted by the Academic Senate and the Administrative Board, respectively, on 28 September 2016 and 29 September 2016, with respect to the project's approval and funding;

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the meeting minutes of the International PhD Board in Agriculture, Technology and Biotechnology (32<sup>nd</sup> cycle), on 15 February 2017;

PROVIDED

that a selection procedure for 2 places not covered by scholarship can be activated in the framework of the European research project "*From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers* – INTERFUTURE and of the International PhD program in (Agriculture, Technology and Biotechnology) 32<sup>nd</sup> cycle

**HEREBY DECREES****Art. 1**  
**Objective**

It is hereby established the selection procedure for

**n. 2 places not covered by scholarship**

within the 32nd cycle (a.y. 2015/2016) of the International PhD Program in “Agricultural Technologies and Biotechnologies” at the University of Molise, in the framework of the project “*From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers* – INTERFUTURE”, MSCA – ITN – 2016 - Innovative Training Networks – European Industrial Doctorates (EID).

The selected candidates are considered Early Stage Researchers (ESR) in compliance to the provisions set forth by the actions Marie Skłodowska – Curie and, therefore, **the places are reserved to those who possess the admission requirements** referred to in Article 2.

**Description:**

**Place n. 1 (ESR 9):** *Selection of MOs to develop new tools for the management of Drosophila Suzukii* – The selected candidate will spend 18 months at the University of Molise and 18 months at BIOBEST, Westerlo, Belgio

**Place n. 2 (ESR 10):** *Development of a commercial liquid food trap with addition of bioactive MOs to improve attractiveness and specificity for Drosophila suzukii* – The candidate selected by the Edmund Mach Foundation will spend 18 months thereto and 18 months at BIOBEST, Westerlo, Belgio.

**Grants**

The selected **ESR9** candidate will receive a research grant from the University of Molise for the first 18 months spent thereto, according to the following instalments:

- Euro 3.318,37 /month (*Living Allowance* pre-tax)
- Euro 600,00 /month (*Mobility Allowance* pre-tax)
- Euro 250,00,/ month (*Family Allowance*) in case the ESR9 has dependent family (in compliance to the relevant regulations in force in the Country where the family relationship has been formalized).

For the subsequent 18 months the grant will be paid by the hosting organization BIOBEST, Westerlo, Belgium, in its quality as partner in the project INTERFUTURE.

**Duration of the program: 36 months**

**Official Language: English**

**Beginning of the academic year: the day after the approval of the proceedings.**

**This call for application is equivalent to a notification to all its intents and purposes.** Further modifications, updates or additions to its contents will be announced exclusively on the <http://www.unimol.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-2/bandi-in-evidenza/> and on the University official register.

Failure to comply to the provisions set forth herein entails exclusion for the competition.

The University Administration takes no responsibility for the loss of communications which depend on inexact indications as to the residence or address, or which depend on the late communication regarding changes to the same, nor for possible postal errors attributable to third parties.

The present call is written in Italian and in English in compliance to the provisions in force and contained in the regulations regarding PhDs.



## Art. 2. Admission requirements

In compliance to the Guide for Applicants of Marie-Sklodowska-Curie action, are eligible to apply candidates in possession of:

### 1. QUALIFICATION

Applications to the PhD Program are accepted from candidates who, regardless of age, gender and nationality hold an Italian "laurea magistrale" instituted in conformity with the Italian Ministerial Decree no 270, 30 October 2004, or equivalent qualification obtained abroad (*Master's degree*) and officially recognized as equivalent by the Doctoral Programme Committee for the purposes of admission to the Doctoral Programme, obtained not before **4 years' time from the starting date of the PhD program**.

Candidates in possession of foreign academic qualification not yet recognized as equivalent to an Italian "Laurea" ("Magistrale" / "Specialistica" / "vecchio ordinamento"), shall request suitability of qualification in the application.

### 2. MOBILITY RULE

At the starting date of the PhD program, candidates shall demonstrate not having resided, nor having had their working site (work, study, etc) in Italy for more than 12 months over the 3 years preceding the starting date of the PhD program. Short stays (e.g. vacations) do not qualify.

### 3. OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must not be in possession of a PhD degree either awarded in Italy or abroad, and shall be still within the first four years (or full-time equivalent) of their careers in research at the time of their appointment.

**The following are not eligible to apply for a research grant: (University of Molise Regulations for Research grants):** full-time employees of universities, institutions and public entities of research and experimentation, of the National Agency for new technologies, energy and sustainable economic development (ENEA) and the Italian space Agency (ASI), as well as other institutions referred to in art. 22, section 1 of the law n. 240/2010. In compliance to the Art. 18, section 1, subsections b) and c) of the Law n. 240/2010, those having a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor from the University or Structure for which the call is issued, or with the Rector, the General Director or a member of the University Administrative Board are not eligible to apply for a research grant.

## ART. 3 Presentation of the application

Candidates must fill in the enclosed application form wherein they shall declare:

- his/her own personal details, place and date of birth, citizenship, degree awarded, residence and address chosen with respect to the competition;
- to comply with the criteria referred to in Art. 2 concerning eligibility and incompatibility;
- to communicate promptly any address modification.

The application for admission, made on plain paper according to the attached form and with the obligatory enclosures listed below, shall be addressed to: **Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi del Molise, Area Innovazione e Sviluppo, Via Francesco de Sanctis s.n.c., 86100 Campobasso.**

2. The applications for admission shall be mailed to [phdinterfuture@unimol.it](mailto:phdinterfuture@unimol.it) **no later than 12,00 of 7 June 2017**. No applications will be accepted after the aforementioned deadline.

All application lacking the following obligatory enclosures will not be taken into consideration:

1. Copy of a valid identity document (EU citizens) or of the **passport** pages showing photo, personal data, number, place and date of issue, and expiration date;
2. Copy of the academic qualification:
  - for candidates holding an Italian degree: declaration rendered through self-certification in accordance with the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000 and subsequent modifications by using the attached form;
  - for candidates holding a foreign degree: degree certificate suitable for the admission to the PhD program, with final grade, exams and marks, accompanied, if available, by Diploma Supplement or “Certificate of equivalence of qualification (Dichiarazione di valore in loco)”. It is compulsory for winners to submit the Diploma Supplement and Certificate of equivalence of qualification (Dichiarazione di valore in loco)” before enrolling to the PhD program.
3. EUROPASS Curriculum vitae (CV) written in English: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/it/documents/curriculum-vitae>, with a list of publications if applicable, dated and signed by the applicant;
4. A summary of the graduation thesis written in English (max 2000 characters, spaces included) subdivided into: thesis motivation, survey methods, obtained results;
5. A **statement of purpose** written in English, (max 5000 characters, spaces included) containing the applicant’s motivations to attend the PhD program and a description of his/her research interests;
6. A **research proposal** written in English, describing a research project in one of the research topics referred to in the premise.

Optional enclosures:

- English language certifications (TOEFL, Proficiency , etc...);
- Possible certifications concerning scholarships, post-graduate study or research activity, prizes, etc.

All applicants are admitted with reserve; the University administration is entitled to perform sampling inspection in compliance to the Art. 72 of the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000 and to exclude in any moment any candidates who do not possess the admission requirements laid down in this call for applications.

#### **ART. 4** **Selection procedures**

The objective of the selection is to verify the applicant’s preparation and attitude to perform research activities in relation to the research topics referred to in Art. 1.



The Examining Committee will evaluate the titles referred to in Art. 3, section 1, and give a specific score. The Committee may perform a follow-up interview or video-interview that will not add any points to the overall score. The maximum score given by the Committee is 100 points. The minimum score of 60 must be achieved to pass the selection.

## **ART. 5**

### **Examining Committee and list of candidates**

The Examining Committee is appointed by the Rector on proposal of the Faculty College, in accordance with the University's "Regulations on PhD courses", and establishes the evaluation criteria in advance.

At the end of the process, the Examination Committee will draw up the final list of candidates. The place (ESR9) will be assigned according to the resulting ranking.

The grant will be allocated according to the position in the list of candidates and to the suitability for the ESR9 specific research topic.

## **ART. 6**

### **Admission and enrolment to PhD**

The candidates will be admitted on the basis of the merit list. If winners fail to sign the contract for the research grant, they lose the right to enrol in the PhD program.

As from the day after the list of candidates is published on the website, winners have 15 available days to enrol in the PhD, under penalty of expiration. All qualified candidates will have to enrol on line by using the appropriate computerized procedure: *homepage UNIMOL*→*Portale dello studente e servizi online*→*Login*→*Segreteria*→*Immatricolazione*. The application will have to be printed and delivered to Segreteria Studenti of Università degli Studi del Molise, Via de Sanctis snc, 86100 Campobasso. The application will have to carry a revenue stamp of € 16,00 and must include: a passport-size photo (to be authenticated) and a signed copy of a valid identity document.

According to the University Regulations concerning Taxes and Duties, the winning candidates who do not hold a scholarship and who will enrol to the PhD program are exonerated from the students' fees payment for the a.y. 2017/2018, in accordance with the Art. 1, section 262, of the Law n. 232 of 11.12.2016.

Candidates holding a foreign degree need to submit a Diploma Supplement (titles awarded in the European Research Area) or a Certificate of equivalence of qualification; should these documents be unavailable at the time of enrolment, they can be sent at a later time to Segreteria Studenti of Università degli Studi del Molise, Via de Sanctis snc, 86100 Campobasso,

The University Administration takes no responsibility for the loss of applications not ascribable to the Administration itself.

Those who won't comply to the obligations above mentioned will be excluded and replaced by the other suitable candidates following the order of the list of qualified candidates.

## **Art. 7**

### **Research grant**

The winning candidate and the University will sign a mutual agreement which regulates the research activity collaborations in accordance with Art. 22 of the Law n. 240/2010. This agreement gives no right whatsoever with respect to employment positions within the University. Non EU citizens may

enjoy the research grant provided that they possess a residence permit for self-employed occupation over the whole duration of the grant itself.

The grant is paid in monthly instalments subject to positive verification by the supervisor of regular performance of the assigned tasks.

The grant is not cumulative with other scholarship, except for those awarded by national or foreign institutions to complement a study abroad with training or doctoral research, nor with similar collaboration contracts, either in the same University or others.

Grant holders cannot enrol in degree courses, nor “laurea specialistica/magistrale”, PhD programs covered by scholarship, medical specialization, either in Italy or abroad.

The University provides for insurance cover for what concerns injury or liability risks, and applies the tax and social security regime provided for in the Art. 22, section 6 of the Law n. 240/2010.

## **Art. 8**

### **PhD students' obligations and rights**

The PhD program is full time.

PhD students are obliged to attend the PhD course and perform study and research activities in the dedicated structures.

Other obligations and rights are contained in Art. 8 of the University “Regulations for PhD courses”.

The grant holder is obliged to carry out the assignments set forth in the individual agreement according to the directions of the Academic supervisor who will have to verify the activities performed. Furthermore, he/she will shall draw a Career Development Plan that includes the 18 month-mobility period at the partner organization BESTA.

## **Art. 9**

### **Attainment of the Degree**

The PhD qualification is awarded after completion of the final exam, which cannot be repeated; the exam consists of the defence of a written dissertation (research thesis) describing an original research activity that shall represent added value for the implementation of knowledge or methodologies in the particular research filed, in compliance to the provisions set forth in the University “Regulations for PhD courses”.

The qualification, abbreviated with the expressions: “Dott.Ric.” or “Ph.D”, is issued after positive evaluation of the research thesis.

## **Art. 10**

### **Use of personal data**

The personal data provided by candidates will be treated in accordance to what set out in the Law 196/2003. Their provision is compulsory to the purposes of the examination procedures, under penalty of exclusion.

The participation itself to the selection procedures entails, in accordance to the principles set forth in Law n. 196 of 30 June 2003, the authorization to the publication of personal data and examination data. Università degli Studi del Molise is responsible for the data treatment.

## **Art. 11**

### **Head of administrative procedures**



The Head of Administrative procedures is Mrs. Maria Maddalena SALVIA, responsible of the Post-Lauream Office of Università degli Studi del Molise, in compliance to the Law n. 241 of 7 August 1990.

**Art. 12**  
**Final regulations**

In relation to any issues not explicitly specified in this announcement, the provisions of the existing legislation on PhD and Research Grant apply.


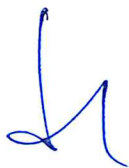
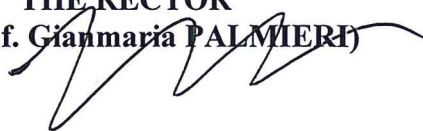
**Art. 13**

The present Notice will be advertised on the Official gazette of the Republic of Italy, on the Euraxess website and on the Ministry of Education, University and Research website.

It will also be available on line on the webpage <http://www.unimol.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-2/bandi-in-evidenza/> and on the University Official Register.

Campobasso - 8 MAG 2017

**THE RECTOR**  
(Prof. Gianmaria PALMIERI)



## ANNEX 1

### APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO PhD, 32<sup>ND</sup> CYCLE

Rector  
Università degli Studi del Molise  
Area Innovazione e Sviluppo  
Via F. De Sanctis, s.n.c.  
86100 Campobasso  
ITALY

The undersigned

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
born in \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Country \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ resident in (city/town) \_\_\_\_\_  
Province/Country \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
phone number \_\_\_\_\_ mobile number \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*temporary address chosen with respect to the competition (if possible, please, indicate an Italian address, too):*

*city/town* \_\_\_\_\_ *postal code* \_\_\_\_\_ *tax code* \_\_\_\_\_  
*phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *mobile* \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUESTS

To participate in the competition for admission to the PhD course within the 32nd cycle (a.y. 2015/2016) of the International PhD Program in “Agricultural Technologies and Biotechnologies” at the University of Molise, in the framework of the **project “*From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers* – INTERFUTURE”**, MSCA – ITN – 2016 - **Innovative Training Networks – European Industrial Doctorates (EID)**

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For this purpose, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, aware that false declarations are punished in line with the Criminal Code and special Laws to this regard, according to the provisions referred to in article 76 of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28 December 2000,

### DECLARES

- a) To be a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_;
- b) To have the necessary requirements for the position indicated in the notice;
- c) To be at the time of recruitment in the first four years of research career (full time equivalent research experience \*);
- d) To have not been awarded a Doctoral Degree;



- e) To have not resided or carried out study or research activity in Italy for more than 12 months over the 3 years prior to the reference recruitment date;

In case the candidate is selected for the position, eligibility criteria must be proven with adequate documentation.

The undersigned hereby DECLARES, moreover, that:

- f) there are no reasons or elements for incompatibility, as provided for in the notice of competition or by the law;
- g) not to have any criminal convictions and not to be subject to any measure whatsoever related to the application of preventive measures, civil decisions and administrative provisions registered in the criminal record;
- h) the declarations rendered are true and to undertake to communicate any subsequent changes

\*(measured from the date when the degree useful to embark on a doctorate program was obtained)

The undersigned encloses with the present application, **duly signed**, the following **mandatory enclosures, as provided for in the Art.3 of the Notice of competition**:

- 1) Copy of a valid identity document (EU citizens) or **passport**;
- 2) Copy of the academic qualification;
- 3) Summary of the graduation thesis written in English (max 2000 characters, spaces included) subdivided into: thesis motivation, survey methods, obtained results;
- 4) A **statement of purpose** written in English, (max 5000 characters, spaces included) containing the applicant's motivations to attend the PhD program and a description of his/her research interests;
- 5) A **research proposal** written in English, describing a research project in one of the research topics referred to in the premise
- 6) EUROPASS Curriculum vitae (CV) written in English: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/it/documents/curriculum-vitae>, with a list of publications if applicable, dated and signed by the applicant, according to the table attached to this application form.

Optional enclosures:

- English language certifications (TOEFL, Proficiency , etc...);
- Possible certifications concerning scholarships, post-graduate study or research activity, prizes, etc.

The undersigned declares to acknowledge that, in accordance with the current legislation, any personal data provided will be used by university administration only for institutional purposes and to the aims of the present announcement of selection and authorises their use on electronic media.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Scientific publication (indexed in web of science or scopus)**

[illegible]

### Other scientific or technical publications

[illegible]