

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Regulation on Research Fellowships pursuant to Italian Law no. 240/2010
Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, issued by Rectoral Decree no. 416 of 19/04/2011

Art. 1 - Purpose

Applicants are invited to apply for the selection at the DIPARTIMENTO DI STORIA CULTURE CIVILTÀ of the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna for the awarding of 1 research fellowship(s) to carry out research activities as part of the project entitled 'TheGAME: Counter-mapping informal refugee mobilities along the Balkan Route – Walking the Route', as outlined in the attached Programme of Activities.

The call for applications for the research fellowship is **issued pursuant to University Regulations** issued by Rectoral Decree (D.R.) no. 416 of 19/04/2011, financed by ERC-2021-ADG n. 101054428 project 'TheGAME: Counter-mapping informal refugee mobilities along the Balkan Route' and was approved by the Department at the session held on March 14, 2024.

The activities shall be carried out under the supervision of a supervisor identified by the Department as Prof. Claudio Minca, in a non-subordinate relationship with no set working hours.

The main place of work will be: DIPARTIMENTO DI STORIA CULTURE CIVILTÀ, Via Guerrazzi 20 40125 BOLOGNA.

Art. 2 - Requirements for candidacy

The selection is open to candidates in possession of the following qualification:

- Master Degree or degree earned under the Italian pre-reform of the university system or equivalent degree in **Geography or similar fields of study**.
- Competences/requirements established for candidates: **PhD in Geography or similar fields of study, related to the field of the fellowship**.

Candidates must possess the admission requirements by the application deadline specified in this call. Candidates who do not possess the admission requirements will not be considered.

The selection is not open to any individual related by marriage or blood, up to the fourth degree, to a professor working in the Department or structure from which the call is issued, or to the Rector, Director General or a member of the University's Board of Governors.

Pursuant to Italian Law no. 240/2010, the selection is also not open to anyone who has held research fellowship contracts with any institution for a period which, considered together with the scheduled duration of this contract, exceeds a total of 6 years, excluding any period in which the contract coincided with a PhD not funded by a scholarship, for the maximum limit of the legal duration of the PhD programme.

Furthermore, the selection is not open to anyone who has had research fellowship or fixed-term researcher contracts at the University of Bologna or any other state-funded, privately-funded or distance-learning Italian university, pursuant to articles 22 and 24 of Italian Law 240/2010, or with any other body listed in paragraph 1 of Art. 22 of Italian Law 240/2010, for a period which, considered together with the scheduled duration of this contract, exceeds a total of 12 years, even if not consecutive. For the purposes of calculating the duration of the above-described periods, in compliance with the laws in force, any periods of maternity or sick leave shall not be considered.

Art. 3 - Application

Applications may only be submitted online on the website: <https://concorsi.unibo.it>, after completing the registration process according to the instructions. **The last possible day to submit an application is Friday, 14 June, 2024 at 23:59 - Europe/Brussels time**; applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The date shown on the receipt sent electronically to the candidate is deemed to be the date of the application submission.

Any communication will be sent to candidates exclusively via email, to the address provided in the application.

In the online application, following the web procedure instructions, candidates must provide the following information and attest to its veracity on their own responsibility:

- surname and name;
- date and place of birth;
- nationality;
- residence and address chosen for correspondence for the purposes of this selection;
- that they do not have a criminal record and are not involved in any current criminal proceedings (or, if so, to state which);
- that they hold the degree outlined in art. 2 of the call for applications, specifying the University and year in which it was earned;

or

- that they possess an academic degree earned abroad that is deemed equivalent.

Candidates in possession of a degree earned abroad must attach to their applications a translation of their foreign degree into Italian, accompanied by a sworn statement that it is a faithful translation of the original certificate.

The foreign degree may be declared admissible by the Evaluation Board, solely for the purposes of admission to the selection procedure.

If awarded the fellowship, the selected candidates who have earned their degree in a country outside of the European Union must provide the Department, via the same channel specified for submitting applications, with **the official translation of the foreign degree attesting to its value** issued by the diplomatic representative or Italian consulate in their home country, in accordance with applicable laws, **within 90 days from when they are notified of the official approval of the report of the selection procedure**. If the documents are not received by the Department by the stated deadline, the candidate will not be awarded the contract.

Candidates must also include the following with their applications:

- copy of a valid identity document;
- their professional curriculum vitae, also listing their academic record;

Candidates will be admitted to the selection procedure subject to verification.

The Administration may, stating the reasons for this choice, exclude them from the selection procedure at any time, even after the completion of the selection procedure. The candidate in question will be notified of such exclusion.

Art. 4 - Comparative assessment of candidates and the Evaluation Board

The candidates will be assessed comparatively by an Evaluation Board appointed by the Board of the Department, and composed of the following members:

Prof.s: Claudio Minca, Andrea Zinzani, Annaclaudia Martini. Alternate: Prof. Stefania Bonfiglioli.

The selection procedure will focus on examining the candidate's possession of the selection criteria established in advance by the Evaluation Board, the candidates' academic-professional curriculum including academic work and publications as well as an interview, aimed at verifying the candidate's suitability for carrying out the research programme.

During the interview, the Board will also verify the candidates' knowledge of the English language, in relation to topics relevant to the research area in question.

The list of candidates selected for the interview will be published on the calls, tenders and competitions site <https://bandi.unibo.it/ricerca/assegni-ricerca> on Friday, June 21, 2024.

For further information, please call the phone number +39 051 2097668 (from 9:00 to 13:00). Alternatively, applicants can also write an e-mail to: disci.assegniricerca@unibo.it

The interviews will be held on Wednesday, July 3 2024, at 15:30 - Europe/Brussels time remotely online, using the audio and video teleconferencing tool Microsoft Teams platform (the workstation from which candidates will participate in the interviews must be equipped with a webcam - essential for the recognition of the candidate – as well as a microphone and headphones and/or speakers).

Candidates selected for the interview will be sent a personal convocation notice to the e-mail address indicated in the application, including all the information necessary to participate in the interview.

The interview will be held in a public form, so as to ensure maximum participation.

At the end of the selection procedure, the Board will draw up a list of candidates with their relative scores, which will remain valid for a period of 12 months.

If two candidates are assigned the same score, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The Head of Department will communicate in writing his/her approval of the list drawn up by the Board and the list will be published on <https://bandi.unibo.it/ricerca/assegni-ricerca>.

The list of candidates may be used to award other research contracts within the same research project, potentially of a lesser duration than the one indicated in this call for applications and in any case lasting no less than one year.

Art. 5 - Duration of the contract and amount of the fellowship

The contract has a duration of **12 months** and may be renewed and/or extended according to the terms specified in the University Regulations concerning research fellowships, as established by D.R. no. 416 of 19/04/2011.

The gross amount of the research fellowship is **€ 24.321,04** per annum. This amount is exempt from withholding tax and includes all statutory social security charges the Research Fellow is subject to.

The amount will be disbursed in deferred monthly payments.

The Research Fellow will be covered by accident insurance, after having paid the required amount. This amount will be withheld from the first monthly instalment.

Art. 6 – Contract signature

The selected candidate will be invited to sign a research contract with the Department by Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Failing to accept the contractual terms by the deadline established by the Department shall cause the selected candidate to forfeit the right to sign the contract.

Art. 7 - Rights and Duties

a) The contract is governed by the following regulations concerning leave: for obligatory maternity leave, the provisions laid down in the 12 July 2007 Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree, published in Official Journal no. 247 on 23 October 2007, and, for sick leave, article 1, paragraph 788, of Italian law no. 296 of 27 December 2006 and amendments.

b) The research activities are carried out under the supervision of the supervisor, in a non-subordinate relationship with no fixed working hours. The Research Fellow shall personally carry out the required activities laid down in the Programme of Activities without any substitutes.

c) Research Fellows assigned to medical and clinical subject areas: the Research Fellow may carry out care activities exclusively for the purposes and needs of the research project, according to the

methods and limits laid down in the contract or, in the case of activities carried out in healthcare structures, as outlined in specific agreements between the university and the health board.

d) At the completion of the activity, the fellowship recipient must submit to the Board of the Department a detailed final report of the activity carried out as well as the results and scientific production achieved, accompanied by the evaluation of the supervisor.

e) The Research Fellow may spend a period of study abroad, in line with a programme formulated together with the Department and with expenses borne by the Department unless the Fellow is able to secure outside funding.

Art. 8 - Regulations concerning Intellectual Property

Industrial Property rights over the results produced by the Research Fellow in the course of conducting activities undertaken on behalf of the University, including but not limited to industrial inventions, models, drawings, plant varieties, as well as the intellectual and industrial property rights deriving from the production of software or databases (“Results”), belong exclusively to the University. The University may freely use them, including under agreements between departments and third parties, without prejudice to the moral rights of the Research Fellow; the latter shall be named as the author or inventor.

The Research Fellow has the right to publish the Results of his/her research activities provided that such publication does not prejudice the University’s rights to protect the Results.

The Research Fellow therefore agrees to promptly notify the supervisor when achieving results, and the supervisor shall verify whether or not any such prejudice exists.

In any case, the Research Fellow agrees to sign a specific Confidentiality Undertaking with the Department in question. This document will be annexed to the contract.

Art. 9 - Non-accumulation, incompatibility, and leave

1. The position of Research Fellow is incompatible with the following positions:

- a. fixed-term and full-time staff positions with the bodies listed in art. 22 para. 1 of Italian Law no. 240/2010;
- b. the position of employee of any private bodies, on a fixed-term, permanent or part-time basis; For staff of any Public Administration other than those listed in letter a), refer to the provisions of point 2 below;
- c. fixed-term research contracts with any university;
- d. enrolment in any first, second or single-cycle degree programmes, PhD programmes with scholarships, or specialisation schools. Self-funded research contracts are compatible with enrolment in non-medical specialisation schools not involving any study grant or contract, or master’s degree only where authorised in advance by the Department Director and having first consulted with the supervisor.
- e. research fellowships at any other body.

2. Employees of public administrations other than those listed under point a) with a fixed-term, permanent or part-time contract shall take an unpaid leave of absence for the entire duration of the research contract.

3. Freelance professional activities are compatible with the research fellowship contract whereas authorised in advance by the Board of the Department following a statement by the supervisor explaining the reasons in favour and having verified that the activities in addition to the research fellowship do not interfere with the regular execution of the contract.

4. This research fellowship contract may not be combined with study grants awarded for any purpose, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions for the purposes of supplementing the fellow’s research activities with study periods abroad.

5. The candidate must be in compliance with the above conditions from the starting date of the contract. The winning candidate shall sign a specific affidavit undertaking to notify the department of any changes in his or her declared compliance as soon as they might occur.

Art. 10 – Forfeiture

Any candidate who does not sign the contract by the deadline communicated by the Department, unless as the result of promptly and duly demonstrated reasons related to health or force majeure, shall forfeit the right to sign the contract.

Art. 11 – Safeguard Clause

For any matters not specified in this call for applications, refer to the Regulations on Research Fellows issued by the University of Bologna in Rectoral Decree no. 416 of 19/04/2011 and other statutory regulations in force.

Pursuant to General Data Protection Regulation – EU Regulation 2016/679, the personal data provided by candidates in their applications will be processed for the purposes of managing the selection procedure and contract.

Selection procedure manager: Maria Carmela Cucurachi.

For information on other administrative aspects this call, please contact Antonio Gerardi at disci.assegniricerca@unibo.it or 051 2097668.

This call for applications will be published on the University Portal, the MUR website and the European Mobility Portal.

Prof. ROBERTO BALZANI**
Head of Department

** Document signed with digital signature, pursuant to Legislative Decree 7 March 2005, n. 82 and of the D.P.C.M. 22 February 2013 and subsequent amendments