

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SELECTION FOR 1 RESEARCH GRANT**  
**(Italian law No.240, Art.22, 30 December 2010)**

**Description**

The Scuola Normale Superiore announces a selection, based on work to date and interview, for 1 research contract named “*Coding of visual shapes in rodent visual cortex to develop visual prostheses for sight restoration*”, as part of the research project MUR\_PRO3\_2021-23\_CONG\_RIC\_CATTANEO entitled “*NErvous system at large-scale – MEaSurement and Intervention*”, funded among the program PRO3 2021-23.

The selected researcher will be involved in the following activities:

- Training animals in behavioral tasks;
- Performing in-vivo neuronal recordings imaging;
- Programming with Matlab or Python for stimulus and task design and data analysis, familiarity with machine learning tools is a plus.

The selected candidate is expected to spend a period at the Laboratory of Biology of the Scuola Normale Superiore and a period at the Scuola Superiore di Studi Avanzati in Trieste

Duration of the contract: 2 years

Annual gross remuneration, inclusive of all taxes: € 33,000

Application deadline: 25 October 2022

Information about the selection procedure can be found below. Applicants are advised to read the official announcement (*Bando*) and to follow exclusively its detailed instructions should they decide to apply.

**Requisites**

Applications are invited from candidates who meet the following requisites, which are both mandatory:

- a) to have completed a second-cycle undergraduate degree as per the interdepartmental decree of 9 July 2009 in Biology (or a corresponding Master’s Degree in accordance with earlier Italian university regulations). Candidates who have completed the aforementioned degrees abroad may also apply, if said degrees are recognized as equivalent to Italian degrees;
- b) to have carried out at least 2 years of post-graduation research activity in the above-mentioned scientific field.

Knowledge of English language is also required to carry out the research activity.

Additional competence and/or experience relevant to the choice of the researcher: PhD in Neurobiology.

**How to apply**

Applicants with all the aforementioned requisites who wish to participate in the selection process must submit:

- a) their application, using the attached form (**Att. A - Application form**), written on paper with their original signature under penalty of exclusion (unless applicants choose to send their application form using a PEC e-mail address);
- b) a copy (non-authenticated) of a valid identification document;
- c) a signed and up-dated curriculum vitae containing a detailed description of their educational career and professional experience;
- d) publications, including their PhD thesis, and any other document that they believe may be useful to the assessment of their application (it is mandatory to attach all publications that applicants intend to submit for assessment by the Commission). The publications must be provided exclusively on a digital storage device (cd, USB flash drive etc.), in pdf format. For those unpublished texts accepted for publication, applicants must include the relative document in its final form and the publisher’s certificate or a detailed substitute statement of affidavit confirming that the relative text has been accepted for publication (please use Attachment B);
- e) a signed list of the submitted publications.

If the application is presented directly to the “Ufficio Protocollo” [Documents Registry Office] of the Scuola Normale or sent by registered mail or courier, the digital storage device must contain also a scanned copy of the application, the curriculum vitae and the list of publications.

In order to submit the application and documentation listed above, applicants must use one of these options:

- a) applicants can present the application form and documentation directly, during office hours (for information on opening hours please contact [protocollo@sns.it](mailto:protocollo@sns.it)), to the “Servizio Archivio, Protocollo e Posta” [Documents Registry Office] of the Scuola Normale, located at Via del Castelletto, n. 11, 56126 Pisa (Italy);
- b) applicants can send the application form and documentation by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt or courier to the following address: Ufficio Protocollo della Scuola Normale Superiore, Via del Castelletto n. 11, 56126 Pisa (Italy). In this case, it is recommendable to write on the envelope “*Application to research grant Gender Equality Plans in Italian Universities*”;
- c) applicants can send the application form using the electronic mail only if they possess a personal certified e-mail address (the Italian PEC - Posta Elettronica Certificata). In this case, they should send the application form to the address [protocollo@pec.sns.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.sns.it).

If applicants send their application via PEC - Posta Elettronica Certificata, the presentation of documents and publications on paper, CD or USB flash drive is not requested.

Any candidature sent from a simple e-mail address, different from the one described above, will not be accepted.

No other delivery method will be accepted.

In the online application, applicants may also indicate up to 2 experts in the field of research, that they will contact asking them to send a letter of reference to the following e-mail address: [job.opportunities@sns.it](mailto:job.opportunities@sns.it) by 23.59 (Italian time) on 25 September 2022.

### **Interview**

The Committee can decide to conduct face-to-face interviews or online interviews with the admitted applicants. In any case, the online interview will be permitted to applicants who live permanently outside Italy or are domiciled abroad for work, study or research and request to conduct an online interview instead of a face-to-face interview. Applicants who are unable to carry out an on-site interview for further different reasons can request an online interview and the Committee will decide whether or not to permit it.

In case of online interview, candidates will have to comply with the guidelines on how to conduct online interviews available on the website of the Scuola Normale (<https://amministrazionetrasparente.sns.it/scuola/opportunit%C3%A0-offerte-dalla-normale/bandi-di-concorso/assegni-di-ricerca>), under penalty of exclusion.

The interview will focus on the the applicants’ qualifications, on the scientific topics related to the research to be carried out, on the applicants’ proficiency in English and on the following scientific issues: brain plasticity, in vivo imaging, electrophysiology.

For the interview, applicants must show a valid identification document, otherwise they will not be permitted to take part in it.

Applicants who submit the wrong contact details, miss the connection at the date and time communicated by the Administration or fail to submit an identification document forfeit their right to participate in the interview and consequently in the selection process.

The Scuola Normale is not responsible for any technical problems that may arise during the interview.

For further information or questions about the application procedure and the relative documentation, or about the selection process itself, applicants can write an email to [job.opportunities@sns.it](mailto:job.opportunities@sns.it)