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DEGLI STUDI
DI PADOVA

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GDĄSKI UNIWERSYTET MEDYCZNY
(MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK-POLAND)

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION COMPETITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE IN
ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY FOR THE AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIPS
AND PLACES NOT AWARDED WITH THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT, ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/12 -
27th SERIES**

Article 1 – ADMISSION – NEW DEADLINE

The University of Padova with DR n. 2101 dated 08/08/2011 published the announcement for admission competition for the Research Doctorate in “Arterial hypertension and vascular biology” for the academic year 2011/12. Following the admission competition only two candidates enrolled in the course. As the minimum number of enrolled students has not been reached, with DR n. 217 dated 23/01/2012 the University publishes a new announcement for the following places :

for the Università degli Studi di Padova:

- n. 1 place covered by fellowships funded in the frame of the ‘Progetto Giovani’ programme, Law 170, in the research field of Human health (study and treatment of tumors and degenerative diseases: new approaches based on the knowledge of Human Genome);
- n. 2 places not covered by fellowship;

for the Medical University of Gdansk:

- n. 1 place with scholarship

The abovementioned places are reserved for graduates wishing to attend the three-year doctoral course in ‘Arterial hypertension and vascular biology’ starting in the academic year 2011/12, which is part of a co-operation scheme with the Medical University of Gdansk (Poland), for the attainment of the joint title of Research Doctor.

After the selection process the course will start if there are at least three person enrolled.

Article 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All candidates who satisfy the admission requirements for a doctorate course in the two participating countries will be admitted to the selection process (with no restriction concerning age or citizenship). In Italy, candidates will need to have a *laurea* (vecchio ordinamento), or *laurea specialistica/magistrale* (nuovo ordinamento). In Poland they will need to have an MD degree in Medicine or life Sciences.

The application form can be presented also by those applicants who will be awarded the admission qualification by the first day of examination.

These candidates will be under qualified acceptance and on the day of the examination they will have to produce a self-certification of the title to the Evaluation committee, otherwise they will be excluded from the competition.

For access to the selection process, the candidate will need to be fluent in English. Language proficiency will be ascertained during the oral admission test. The admission examination can also be taken in English

Article 3 – APPLICATION FORMS

In the application form, which must be prepared in English, candidates shall declare, under their own responsibility:

- their name and surname, tax code (or equivalent), date and place of birth, place of residence, telephone number and contact address for all matters relating to the selection process;
- their nationality;
- the title of the doctorate course;
- their degree, specifying when (date) and where (University) it was awarded. If the degree was awarded in a country different from those of the partner Universities and it has not yet been acknowledged as equivalent, the candidate shall ask for the declaration of equivalence for the sole end for admittance into the competition of the Doctoral program: to this end the candidates, within the deadline of the announcement, must mail to Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca - Palazzo Bo – Via VIII Febbraio n. 2 – 35122 Padova the request for the evaluation of the equivalence of the degree, enclosed with the documents (copy of degree certificate with dichiarazione di valore, certified transcripts including grades, any other document useful for the evaluation of the qualification) necessary for the Academic Board to decide on the equivalence of such a degree. The above mentioned documents must be translated and legalized by an Italian consular or qualified diplomatic representative;
- the university where they want to take the admission examination;
- that they will attend the doctorate course full-time and in compliance with the procedures set out by the Academic Board;
- that they will promptly inform the university of any change of residence or contact address chosen for the selection process.

As part of their application, candidates shall enclose their *Curriculum Vitae*, duly signed.

The University Administration will accept no liability for communication problems due to candidates providing inaccurate details of their residence or contact address, or to any delay in their notifying the Administration of any changes to said details, or to failings of the postal or telegraphic services beyond the Administration's control.

Applications should be sent to and must arrive within **24 February 2012** at one of the following addresses, depending on the University where the applicant wants to take the admission examination.

For applicants who have chosen the Università degli Studi di Padova as the university where they want to take the admission examination, the applications must be addressed to the "Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Padova", they should be written on plain (unstamped) paper, as in the example attached to this announcement, and they should be submitted according to one of the following ways:

- delivered by hand to *Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale*, via Giustiniani 2 – Padova, Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m.;

or:

- sent by post, in which case they should be addressed to: Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale – via Giustiniani 2 – 35128 Padova, Italy. The following should be written on the envelope: “Domanda di partecipazione al concorso di Dottorato di Ricerca in Ipertensione arteriosa e biologia vascolare”.

The date of the postmark will not be accepted as a sign of meeting the application deadline.

For applicants who have chosen the Medical University of Gdansk the applications must be sent to: Prof. Krzysztof Narkiewicz, Department of Hypertension and Diabetology, Medical University of Gdansk, Debinki 7c, 80-952 Gdansk, Poland

The date of the postmark will not be accepted as a sign of meeting the application deadline.

All candidates will be admitted to the selection with due reservation

The University can at any time exclude applicants lacking admission requirements. This measure will be communicated to the party concerned by mail with a registered letter with return receipt.

Article 4 – ADMISSION TEST

The admission procedure will be under the responsibility of the Academic Board and will entail the assessment of the candidate's *Curriculum Vitae* and an oral test. The oral test will be based on the following subjects: molecular and cellular biology, cardiovascular and renal physiology and pathophysiology, general and clinical pharmacology, normal pathologic cardiovascular anatomy, principles of biostatistics, principles of statistics and cardiovascular epidemiology.

A final ranking list will be drawn up by the Academic Board. The candidates that will pass the admission examination shall choose the university where they wish to attend most of their three-year course, hereinafter called the Home University. The fellowships and the places will be assigned according to the following criteria:

- order of the ranking list;
- Home University chosen by the candidate.

Each doctoral student will be admitted to the course at only one of the partner universities (*the Home University*), though they will be formally enrolled at all three partner universities. The evaluation of the *Curriculum Vitae* will precede the oral test. A maximum of 30 points will be given for the evaluation of the *Curriculum Vitae* and a maximum of 70 points will be given for the oral test. The oral exam is passed with a score corresponding to at least 7/10 points

For the applicants who want to take the admission examination at the **Università degli Studi di Padova** the oral test is scheduled for **29 February 2012** at 11.00 a.m. at the Dipartimento di Medicina Clinica e Sperimentale, room B, via Giustiniani 2, 35128 Padova.

For the applicants who want to take the admission examination at the **Medical University of Gdansk** the oral test is scheduled for **29 February 2012** at 10.00 a.m. at the Regionalne Centrum Nadciśnienia Tętniczego, Debinki 7c, 80-952, Gdansk, Poland

In order to take the oral test, candidates will have to show a valid identity card or passport.

No further notice will be sent to the applicants home address.

Article 5 – BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners for the selection process relating to the Research Doctorate course will be appointed by the Rector of the Università degli Studi di Padova, on the advice of the Academic Board. It will be composed of representatives of the three co-operating universities.

The ranking list will be made known by 16 March 2012 in the following way:

for the Università degli Studi di Padova it will be posted on the web site:
http://www.unipd.it/unipdWAR/page/unipd/studenti0/it_Book133_Page2

and it will be posted on the 'albo ufficiale di Ateneo' (official University register);

for the Medical University of Gdansk it will be posted on the web site:
<http://www.intrel.gumed.edu.pl/>

Article 6 – ADMISSION TO COURSES AND ENROLMENT

Candidates will be admitted to the courses according to the criteria established in the international agreement, up to the number of places available. Any successful candidate giving up their right to a place before the course starts, will be replaced by the next candidates according to the ranking list and the chosen Home University.

All the candidates admitted to the courses must deliver the necessary documents (on plain, unstamped paper), in person or by mail by **23 March 2012**.

Candidates who have chosen as their Home University the Università degli Studi di Padova must present the following documents to the Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca, (seat: via del Risorgimento 9, Padova; mail address: via 8 febbraio 1848, n. 2 – 35122 Padova) :

- application form for enrolment on the first year of the doctorate course;
- photocopy of a valid identity card/passport;
- two passport-size photographs;
- for students attending the courses in Italy, a photocopy of the receipt for admission and tuition fees (the amount due is specified on the University web site).

Candidates who have chosen as their Home University the Medical University of Gdansk must present the following documents:

- application form for enrolment on the first year of the doctorate course;
- photocopy of a valid identity card/passport;
- two passport-size photographs;
- photocopy of the university degree

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be processed.

Article 7 - REPLACEMENTS

Those who will not have submitted the relevant documentation before the deadline specified in the previous article will be deemed to have given up their place; those who have not been truthful in their declarations will not be given a place and their place will be assigned to the next applicant in the ranking list.

Article 8 – FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships will be granted on the basis of the ranking list prepared by the *Academic Board*, according to the Home University chosen by the candidate and according to the co-operation agreement.

The amounts and the rules governing fellowships will vary according to the legislation in the country of the university providing the fellowship.

Article 9 – ADMISSION AND TUITION FEES

All students must pay the enrolment fees due in the country where they will be attending the doctorate course in the Home University.

Article 10 – STUDENTS' OBLIGATIONS

All students must carry out their duties pertaining to the research project with all due diligence according to the rules established by the *Academic Board*.

All students must attend their *Home University*; each student may attend the other universities involved in the co-operation agreement for various lengths of time, but must spend at least 24 months at the Home University and at least 9 months at one or both partner Universities.

At the end of each academic year, each doctoral student will submit a report on his/her activities.

Based on the assessment of the student's activities, the *Academic Board* may decide to terminate the student's doctorate course and will suitably justify any such decision.

Interruption of the doctorate course will be governed by the rules of the student's *Home University*.

The Doctoral course lasts three years and begins on 1 April 2012.

Article 11 – QUALIFICATION

At the end of the doctorate course, students will write a dissertation in English, which will also include a summary in the language of one of the three countries of the partner Universities.

Students will send three copies of their dissertation to each of the partner Universities.

The final examination will take place at the candidate's Home University. There will be one examining board only, consisting of members of the three Universities and at least one external member (not belonging to any of the three institutions involved in the project).

The examining board will be appointed by the *Academic Board*. The doctorate degree will be awarded following successful completion of the final exam; the subject of the final exam will be the discussion of the student's dissertation. The exam will be in English.

The partner Universities will issue a joint degree. The procedures for granting the degree and its academic recognition will comply with the current legislation in each of the three countries concerned.

Article 12 – REFERENCE REGULATIONS

For any matters not considered in the present document, reference will be made to Article 4 of the Italian law No. 210 dated 3rd July 1998, to the Ministerial Decree of 30th April 1999 – Regulations on Research Doctorates – published in the *Gazzetta Ufficiale* No. 162 on 13th July 1999, to Law n. 240/10, to the Rector's Decree No. 1460 of 21st July 1999, which covers the Rules on Research Doctorates of the Università degli Studi di Padova, to the regulations governing the individual doctorate courses, to the international co-operation agreement between the Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy) and the Medical University of Gdansk (Poland) and to the rules governing research doctorates in Germany and in Poland.

This announcement, along with a facsimile of the application form, is available on the web sites of the University of Padua:

http://www.unipd.it/unipdWAR/page/unipd/studenti0/it_Book133_Page2

of the Medical University of Gdansk:

<http://www.intrel.gumed.edu.pl/>

Further details and information can be obtained from the *Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca*, via del Risorgimento 9, Padova (open to the public Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 12.30 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15.00 to 16.30).

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