

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2023S4

BY EXAMINATIONS TO RECRUIT NO. 1 LEVEL I RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIST ON A FULL-TIME FIXED-TERM CONTRACT FOR 24 MONTHS (FINANCIAL POSITION “EP1”) PURSUANT TO ART. 24BIS OF LAW NO. 240 OF 30.12.2010, AND TO THE NATIONAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OF 19.04.2018, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH.

By implementing Art. 24bis of Law no. 240 of 30.12.2010 and the National Collective Bargaining Agreement of 19.04.2018, the University of Padova plans to recruit Level I research technologist by examinations on a full-time fixed-term contract, for 24 months (financial position “EP1”) at the Department of Women’s and Children’s Health, to carry out the following research activities:

- support for the realisation of the research project “HORIZON ERC-2021-ADG proposal no. 101055262 - Acronym TARGETNMDs”, funded by the European Union within the Horizon ERC program. In particular, technical support for conducting efficacy and feasibility studies of a gene therapy approach with genetically modified HSCs (Hematopoietic Stem Cells) using lentiviral vectors and gene editing in animal models of neurometabolic and neurodegenerative diseases.

The aforementioned activities require the following **professional skills, knowledge and competences**:

- specific knowledge, including through experience, of technical support activities in the following areas of research:
 - conducting *in vitro* and *in vivo* preclinical studies of genetically modified hematopoietic cell transplantation
 - characterization and use of animal models of neurodegenerative diseases, also by means of behavioral studies in rodents
 - microsurgery and stereotaxis on small rodents
 - production of lentiviral vectors
- English language requirement (B2 level)
- computer skills (*Office Suite*)

Admission requirements

Candidates must have the following requirements by the selection announcement deadline:

- **academic qualifications:**
 - Master’s degree pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004, classes: LM-6 - Biology, LM-7 - Agrarian Biotechnologies, classes: LM-8 - Industrial Biotechnologies, LM-9 - Pharmaceutical, Veterinary and Medical biotechnologies, LM-61 – Nutrition, LM-75 - Environmental and land sciences, or Master’s degree pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, equivalent pursuant to Inter-Ministerial Decree 9 July 2009, classes: 6/S – Biology, 7/S – Agricultural biotechnologies, 8/S Industrial biotechnologies, 9/S – Pharmaceutical, veterinary and medical biotechnologies, 69/S – Nutrition and health sciences, 82/S – Environmental and land sciences and technology,

or a degree (*Diploma di Laurea V.O.*) prior to DM 509/99, treated as equivalent pursuant to I.D. of 9 July 2009 in Scienze biologiche, Biotecnologie agro-industriali, Biotecnologie indirizzo Biotecnologie industriali, Biotecnologie indirizzo Biotecnologie mediche, Biotecnologie indirizzo Biotecnologie veterinarie, Biotecnologie indirizzo Biotecnologie farmaceutiche.

Candidates **holding a foreign degree** may take part in the selection only after completing a degree-equivalency process pursuant to Art. 38, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree DL 165/2001. Candidates are conditionally admitted to the selection procedure if the equivalency process is underway, but no final decision has been reached. They must have had their degree recognised as the equivalent of an Italian degree by the time they are recruited.

The degree-equivalency process must be started before the selection-announcement deadline, otherwise the candidate will be excluded from the selection procedure. Candidates must inform the procedure manager that they have applied for degree equivalency.

Pursuant to Decree-Law no. 228 of 30 December 2021, **the Public Function Department will conclude the recognition procedure only with regard to the successful candidates, who have the obligation, under penalty of forfeiture, to notify the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research (MUR) of the publication of the ranking list within 15 days.**

The degree-equivalency application form is available at:

<http://www.funzionepubblica.gov.it/strumenti-e-controlli/modulistica>

- specific professional qualification pertinent to the research:
 - **professional experience, at least 3 years, in designing and conducting preclinical studies of efficacy and feasibility studies in animal models of central nervous system disease**
- Italian citizenship (Italians who are not citizens of the Republic of Italy have the same rights as Italian nationals), or citizenship of an EU Member State. Following implementation of Art. 7 of Law 97/2013, the following may also apply for the selection procedure: family of citizens from an EU Member State who do not have citizenship of an EU Member State, but do have the right of residence, or the permanent right of residence; and third-country nationals with a long-term EU permit of stay, with refugee status, or with subsidiary protection status;
- candidates with full political rights;
- candidates who are physically suitable for the position;
- candidates who have completed their military service.

Non-Italian nationals are required to:

- have full civil and political rights in their country of origin;
- fulfil the same requirements as Italian nationals, but do not need Italian citizenship;
- have a good knowledge of Italian.

Application form

The application form and appendices for this selection announcement **must be submitted online** with the Pica platform at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/tipologia/pta>.

To apply online, candidates must have a valid email address so that they can register with the system. They must also provide all of the information needed to complete the application and attach the required documents in electronic form.

The system allows the application to be saved in draft form until the submission deadline. The online application procedure and submission must be completed by **2 pm of the 15th day, when the selection announcement closes.**

The system will certify the date that the online application form is submitted by emailing candidates an automatic receipt. Once the submission deadline has expired, the system will shut down access and applications can no longer be sent.

If necessary, a submitted application form can be withdrawn and another one submitted **before the application deadline (2:00 p.m of the fifteenth day).**

Each application will be given an identification number which must be included in any correspondence, along with the selection announcement code stated in the online procedure. Candidates must complete each and every part of the application form in accordance with the online instructions. The application is to be completed as follows:

- with a digital signature using a smart card, USB token or remote signature that enables the user to sign documents with signature software. Alternatively, a web portal may be used to provide a certified remote signature. Candidates with a smart card or USB token for digital signing can check for compatibility with the server's digital-signing system. If compatible, the user may sign the application on the server;
- candidates who do not have compatible digital-signing devices and users of remote digital signatures without web portal access for signing documents will have to save a system-generated pdf file on their computer. After which, they must not edit the file and e-sign it in CAdES format. A file with a p7m extension will be generated and uploaded into the system. If the file is edited before the e-signature is applied, the system will be unable to verify whether the content of this document matches the original. If this occurs, the application will be rejected.
- If none of the aforementioned options are available:
print and hand-sign the application form, then upload **a scanned copy along with a scanned form of identification. Candidates not providing identification may be excluded from the selection procedure.**

The system may be momentarily offline for technical reasons.

Non-Italian candidates are to submit their application form as per the methods and deadlines stated in this application procedure.

Documents must be in a static, non-editable format and must not contain executable codes or macro-instructions. PDF is the preferred format. Documents must not exceed 30 MB.

The University of Padova is not liable for undelivered correspondence should candidates not provide a complete address, or when late or no notification is provided should the address on the application form change. Nor is it liable for problems caused by third parties, misfortune or force majeure.

For additional information or queries about the application procedure, please contact the Technical and Administrative Personnel office on +39 049 827 3155 - 3159 - 3494 between 9 am and 1 pm.

Contact the following link for technical problems only:

<https://mipa.support.cineca.it/support.php?service=pica.cineca.it&cmp=65839>

Candidates must state under their own responsibility their surname and first name, their date and place of birth, their permanent address, any telephone number, any criminal convictions and pending criminal procedures, that they enjoy full political rights, their military-service status, a detailed statement they meet the aforementioned requirements, and the exact contact address for any correspondence.

Candidates are admitted to the selection procedure conditionally. Should any of the requirements not be met, candidates may be excluded from the selection procedure at any moment, even after they have taken the tests.

Selection

Candidates are selected by examinations.

A total of 60 points are awarded for examinations. They are divided as follows:

- 30 points for written test;
- 30 points for oral examinations.

Examinations

Examinations will comprise a written test and an oral examination:

- **the written test** will focus on the following topics:
 - conducting preclinical *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies of genetically modified hematopoietic cell transplantation
 - characterization and use of animal models of neurodegenerative diseases
- **the oral examination** will focus on the following topics:
 - behavioral studies in rodents
 - microsurgery and stereotaxis on small rodents
 - production of lentiviral vectors.

Knowledge of the English language (B2 level) and computer skills (*Office Suite*) will also be tested.

Examinations will take place at the following times and venues. No further notice will be given:

- **the written test:** on **7th March 2023, at 10.00 a.m.**, at the Aula Didattica of Palazzo Storione, Galleria Storione n. 13 – PADOVA;
- **the oral examination:** on **13th March 2023, at 10.00 a.m.**, at the Aula P56 della Clinica Pediatrica, Via Giustiniani n. 3 - Padova (PD).

No further notice will be given.

Publication of this calendar is considered to be notification.

Approved candidates must come on the date and at the time that will be communicated. No further notice will be given.

Candidates must show a valid ID document before being admitted to the examinations.

Any candidates not coming to the examination will be deemed to have waived their place, regardless of the reason.

The examinations pass mark is 21/30 (7/10).

The list of candidates admitted to oral examinations will be published with their scores for the written test on the noticeboard of the Department of Women's and Children's Health, Via Giustiniani, 3 - 35128 Padova, and posted on the University of Padova website at (<https://www.unipd.it/selezione-2023S4>)

All Commission sessions during the oral examination are public. At the end of each oral examination, the Commission will draw up a list of the candidates assessed with a score for those who have passed the examination. This list, which is signed by the Commission Chair and the Secretary, will be posted on the noticeboard of the Department of Women's and Children's Health, Via Giustiniani, 3 - 35128 Padova, and on the University of Padova website at (<https://www.unipd.it/selezione-2023S4>)

Candidates can access the list with a personal password provided to all selection participants.

Overall ranking

The final score is calculated by adding up the score for the written test and the oral examination.

The overall ranking will be published in the University of Padova's Official Register. Any appeals may be filed the day after the ranking is published.

The overall ranking is effective immediately.

The winner is entitled to the gross annual salary for the EP category, financial position EP1, as per the University section of the current National Collective Bargaining Agreement (CCNL), as well as to an additional quota as specified in the "University Regulations for Recruiting and Regulating 'Fixed-term Research Technologists', in accordance with Art. 24-*bis* of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010." The salary will be paid into a bank or post-office account only.

The administration may decide not to draw up the agreement should there cease to be the need, opportunity or resources to proceed.

The ranking is valid for three years from its publication date and may be used to recruit additional fixed-term technologists with the same profile and level. All other aspects of employment will depend on the University's specific needs.

Prior to recruitment into service at the University, the successful candidate shall be required to comply with the obligations laid down in the current legislation on SARS-CoV-2.

Anything not stated above is covered by the "University Regulations for Recruiting and Regulating 'Fixed-term Research Technologists', in accordance with Art. 24-*bis* of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010", available at: <http://www.unipd.it> (see "*Statuto e Regolamenti*").

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7.8.1990, the selection-procedure manager is Cristian Poletti – *Ufficio personale tecnico amministrativo*, Riviera Tito Livio, 6, Padova, Italy.

The Technical-Administrative Staff office (*Ufficio personale tecnico amministrativo*) is open to the public at the following times:

From Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

NB: This selection announcement has been translated into English for publication purposes only. The Italian version is valid for all legal purposes and for the resolution of any disputes.

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