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Career Springboard Scholarship

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What is it?

- A Scholarship to cover a 6-month Research Project in the field of Cell Biology or Molecular Microbiology, in a laboratory located outside Italy.

Who is eligible?

- Any woman who obtained her Masters degree (Laurea di secondo livello) after 31 May 2020.

What should the candidate expect to gain from this experience?

- The main goal of the Scholarship is to expose a new graduate to international research realities. Through this experience, she will have the possibility to participate in cutting-edge projects, to learn new techniques, and to improve her communication skills. More importantly this could also represent the starting point to build a network of contacts that will be fundamental if she decides to continue in an academic career (for example, to then find a PhD, and to later move on to a Postdoc).

Are there any restrictions for the choice of host laboratory? Can I choose a host laboratory not included on the list?

- There are no restrictions on the host laboratory, as long as it is located outside Italy, nothing that the Project needs to be in the field of Cell Biology or Molecular Microbiology.

If a host laboratory is on the list, does it mean that it will sponsor any candidate?

- Not necessarily. They will consider the interested candidates based on their CVs. If more than one candidate contacts the same host laboratory, the Principal Investigator will decide who is the best candidate to sponsor (if they chose to sponsor any of them). We strongly suggest organising a telephone/ video interview with the possible host Supervisor.

How much will the salary be?

- The salary will be €1,800 gross, and it will be paid at the end of each month. To facilitate travel and initial expenses, the first 2 months will be paid in advance. Of course, if for any reason the winner is not able to start the project, this initial sum will need to be reimbursed.
- In addition to the monthly salary, specific expenses will be covered up to a maximum of €1,200 for the duration of the Scholarship (upon presentation of the required receipts).



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What kind of expenses will be covered?

- Typical expenses that can be reimbursed are:
 - o Travel to and from the host laboratory
 - o Purchase of a laptop
 - o Purchase of an iPad or tablet
 - o Travel and/or registration for a scientific conference
 - o English courses or other specific training courses required for the project

Will I receive any help to find an accommodation abroad?

- Unfortunately, the Fondazione cannot find the accommodation for you.

Will I be eligible for health and casualty insurance?

- The Fondazione will provide casualty insurance (assicurazione infortuni INAIL), whereas health insurance will be provided by Italian government (Tesserino Sanitario).
- Third party liability insurance (responsabilità civile terzi) will be provided by yourself.

What happens if you cannot start the project on time?

- The scholarship will be assigned to the candidate next in the merit list.

Other expenses might also be covered, but they need to be approved in advance by the Fondazione.



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