



Italian Science Fund call for proposals

Sapienza Università di Roma is pleased to announce that the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research has published the first **Italian Science Fund call for proposals**.

The call, with an overall budget of 50 million Euros for the year 2021, funds fundamental research projects (with a maximum duration of 5 years) carried out in any scientific thematic area by Principal Investigators of any nationality who have chosen an Italian University as their Host Institution.

The Principal Investigators financed will must be recruited by their Host Institution.

The call foresees two different funding schemes:

- **Starting Grant:** reserved to emerging researchers (PIs Junior), with a PhD qualification obtained no less than 2 years ago and no more than 10 years ago and with a potential for scientific independence. For applicants with no PhD qualification, medical specialization will be considered as a minimum requirement for eligibility to the procedure in the LS macro-sector. Selected projects will be awarded a grant corresponding to the total eligible costs of up to 1 million euros. The total funding value of the scheme is 20 million euros.
- **Advanced Grant:** reserved to well-known researchers in their field (PIs Senior), aged up to 65 years at the time of submission of the proposal. Researchers who have been active for more than 10 years, must be acknowledged as leaders in the research field related to their project proposal. Selected projects will be awarded a grant corresponding to the total eligible costs of up to 1.5 million euros. The total funding value of the Advanced Grant scheme will be 30 million euros.

Projects within the LS (Life Sciences) and PE (Physical sciences and Engineering) macro-sectors, may be awarded with an additional contribution (up to a maximum of € 500,000.00) for the purchase of equipment.

Funding applications will be assessed in two stages:

- The CNVR (National Committee for Research Evaluation) will carry out the first phase. Support from external experts with high scientific qualifications might be required.
- In the second phase, three anonymous and independent external revisers identified by the CNVR among highly qualified scientific experts will assess the project in its entirety.



Principal Investigators of projects exceeding the minimum thresholds outlined in the two phases will be invited for an interview in English by members of the CNVR assisted, if necessary, by experts.

Applications, in English, must be submitted online, starting at 12 noon on October 26, 2021, and no later than 12 noon on December 27, 2021, via the platform available at the following link: <https://www.gea.mur.gov.it/Bandi/Fis>

Please bear in mind that, in order to apply, is required a letter of endorsement signed by the legal representative of the host institution and Sapienza will identify an earlier deadline for requiring the signature by the rector of Sapienza letter of endorsement.

For further information, please contact the Sapienza Office for Research Promotion and Support Services Offices: ufficioricerca@uniroma1.it

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