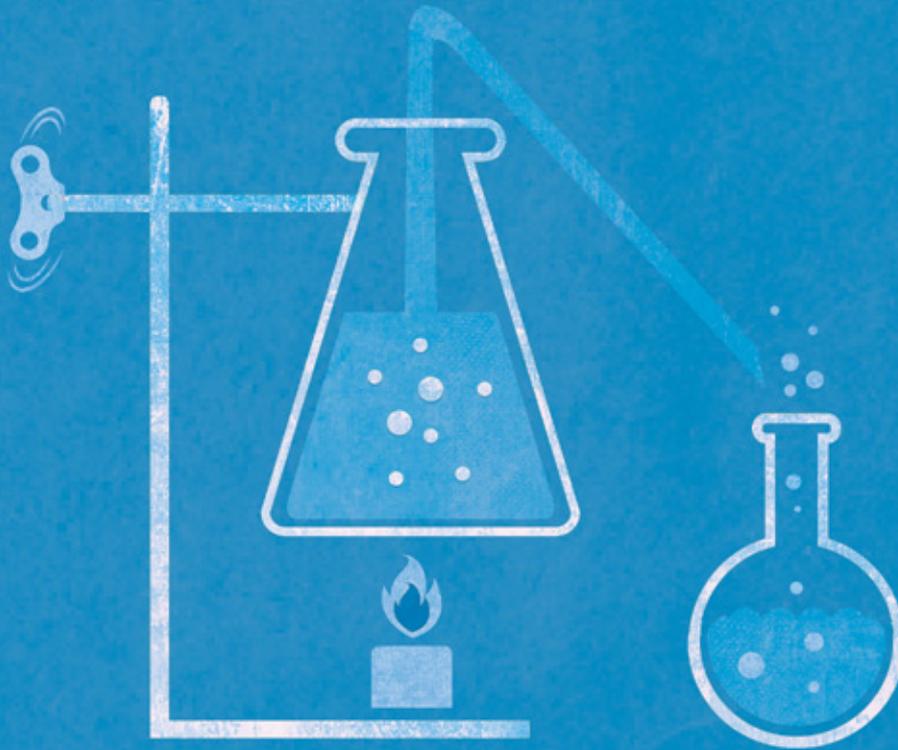




FONDAZIONE  
CASSA DI RISPARMIO  
DI PISTOIA E PESCIA

# GIOVANI @RICERCA\_SCIENTIFICA



# 2018



CALL N. 9/2018

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## 1. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The Foundation named *Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Pistoia e Pescia*, within the scope of its own initiatives aimed at promoting scientific research and technological innovation for the development of the territory of the province of Pistoia, has published a call for fellowship applications named **Giovani@RicercaScientifica**. The aim is to award 5 research fellowships to young researchers engaged in projects lasting up to two years in the following sectors:

- *Environment*
- *Physical, social and economic regeneration of heritage-listed buildings aimed at the conservation of historic city centres*
- *Agri-Food*
- *Life Sciences*
- *Information Technologies*
- *Transportation*

Projects eligible for funding are those assigned to young researchers - specified hereunder - that offer reasonable prospect for success and quantifiable positive impact on the aforementioned territory, based on the modes and criteria set forth in this call.

## 2. SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CALL AND BUDGET

Funding will cover **75% of the fellowship salary**, up to a maximum amount of € 22,500.00 per year and for a period no longer than two years. In addition reimbursement for expenses and materials up to € 7,500.00 per year may be requested.

The Foundation's total budget for research fellowship shall not exceed in any way the maximum total amount of € 300,000.00 (three hundred thousand).

Funds shall be granted to individuals and accredited bodies selected on the basis of the criteria set out below.

## 3. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The bodies identified pursuant to art.22, 1<sup>st</sup> par. of Law n. 240 dated 30 December, 2010 (*universities, research and experimental institutions and public bodies ...*) shall be eligible to apply for this call, provided these fulfil the following criteria:

- actively engaged in basic or translational research in one of the following sectors: Environment, Physical, social and economical regeneration of heritage-listed buildings, aimed at the active conservation of historic city centres, Agro-Food, Life Sciences, Information Technologies and Transportation;*
- committed, for the benefit of the candidate research project, to deploy adequate equipment, materials, structures and personnel as needed for execution of the work;*
- committed to appoint the General manager of the project that will be required to attached the curriculum vitae (see attachment b);*
- committed to select the young researcher in the case of activation of a new research fellowship, according to the legal procedures, or indicate the name of the young researcher in the case of the renewal of research fellowship, with the researcher curriculum vitae (with full publication list). For the purposes of this call, a young researcher is understood as being: (i) an Italian citizen*



- under the age of 40 at the time of the publication of this call; (ii) holder of a research doctorate or PhD at the time of the of publication of this call; (iii) holder of a formative and professional curriculum that is consistent with the level and the quality of the proposed research project; (iv) holder of a research fellowship (or an equivalent position at a foreign POSTDOC "Research Centre") at the date of publication of the call, or holder of the same for at least one year previously, involving a research project compatible with the sectors identified in this call;*
- e) agree to **fund, through their own or third-party means, at least 25% of the yearly cost of the research fellowship** (or equivalent emolument) granted to each young researcher engaged in the proposed project.

*Researchers having family relationships up to the third degree and affinal kinship up to the second degree with members of the Board of Directors, the General Council and the Audit Committee of the Foundation, as well as with the Chairman of the same Foundation, cannot be beneficiaries of the research fellowships granted under this Call.*

## 4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The projects eligible for funding under this call shall be examined by a Selection Committee designated by the Foundation's Board of Directors composed of three or more members appositely, who can be even Italian or foreign nationality, as well as an expert for each sector pursuant to art. 1, for which at least one application has been submitted).

The projects shall be evaluated based on the following criteria and according to the Committee's ranked list:

- a) *predictable positive impact, in case the research work turns out successful, on the territory of the province of Pistoia. In particular, such effects shall be estimated, as appropriate, in occupational, economic/financial terms and also in relation to local entrepreneurship development and related industries, valorization of typical territorial resources, as well as actions taken to solve or counter-attack issues affecting the territory or the local community;*
- b) *collaboration or participation in research projects by public or private bodies from Pistoia or companies whose registered offices have been located in the province of Pistoia for at least three years;*
- c) *scientific value of the proposed research, clarity of its objective, experimental plan and methodology, and pertinence to one of the habilitating technologies of the Industry 4.0 paradigm, such as digital data and big data analytics (e.g. low - cost sensor technology and cloud computing), robotics (e.g. man-machine interaction) and highly-advanced connectivity (e.g. connection of the value chain and Internet of Things);*
- d) *quality and quantity of the scientific products achieved previously by the proposing organization and the candidate associated with the research project;*
- e) *predictable celerity, in case the research work turns out successful, of the implementation and exploitation of the processes and /or products obtained (even patented);*
- f) *potential innovativeness for production processes or the sector knowledge base;*
- g) *significant economic contribution to the research projects offered by public or private bodies from Pistoia or companies whose registered offices have been located in the province of Pistoia for at least three years;*

The decisions of the above-mentioned Committee shall final. Moreover, the power of the Committee to decide whether or not to grant a fund shall remain unaffected in case the projects submitted are regarded as inadequate.

## 5. APPLICATION MODES AND TERMS

Applications shall be submitted online on [www.fondazionecpt.it](http://www.fondazionecpt.it) under the apposite section: "Bandi e contributi" - Bando Giovani@RicercaScientifica ("Calls and Contributions" - Call for Fellowship Applications Giovani@RicercaScientifica), by clicking on "Modulistica online per la candidatura" (online candidate application forms) from **14<sup>th</sup> September 2018** onwards.

The deadline for submitting online applications expires on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at 24:00.

In order for the funding request to be admissible, the applicant is required to:

- *fill out the online Request form;*
- *fill out annexes A, B and C (in case of renewal of research fellowship) in the English language and then sign and upload them to the apposite "Allegati" (Annexes) section; as for annex A, use the form contained in the "online candidate application forms" section;*



- confirm the submission process online, print out and sign the form (the Legal Representative is in charge of this step);
- scan the document;
- click on the Upload button of the signed form that shall appear in the "sent forms" section;
- upload the document.

There is no longer need to send the application form (and relative annexes) in paper format. **The annexes** to be uploaded to the apposite "Allegati" (Annexes) section, **all filled out in English**, are the following:

**Annex A)** – use the form contained in the "online candidate application forms" section.

**Annex B)** – name of the general project manager and subscriber of the application (tenure university professor) with relative curriculum and personal biography.

**Annex C)** – name of the young researcher to which the research project is to be assigned and relative curriculum, while expressly stating the possession of the requirements set forth in point 3D (in case of renewal of research fellowship).

The Department/University/Research Center that intends to apply for funding under this call is required to appoint, at the moment of submission of the relative application, a tenure university professor as its representative and general project manager, who shall also act as the exclusive contact person for the Foundation, also during the execution of the funded works.

The recipient of the fund under this call retains the right to replace at any time the foregoing Project Manager by simply notifying in writing the Chairman of the Foundation thereof, notwithstanding the commitment of the said body to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the continuity of the competences and the same management modes used for executing the candidate project.

The Project Manager shall also be required to collaborate with the Committee mentioned in article 4 above, and provide information or evaluations, if so required.

## 6. FUND GRANTING PROCEDURE

The fund for each project selected through this call shall be granted as follows:

- 100% for the first year following confirmation of the commencement of the research activities;
- 80% for the second year at the end of the first year of the research upon presentation of the report about research activity, fellowship and other costs for the first year of the research;
- 20% for the second year upon satisfactory completion of the project, following the submission of a written activity report and the results achieved, as well as an accounting report regarding the fellowship granted to the young researcher and any other expenses incurred for the second year.

According to the results of the first and second year of research, and following the evaluation of the activity report and any other relevant information acquired, including information provided by the Project Manager, the Committee shall authorize the granting of the portion of fund as applicable. Moreover, the Foundation retains the right to suspend or refuse to grant, either in whole or in part, the fund in case the project is not executed or partially executed, or executed according to procedures other than those indicated in the application without the Selection Committee's express authorization.

## 7. APPLICANT'S OBLIGATIONS

By submitting the application and accepting the fund, the university/research institute undertakes to:

- carry out the work for which the fund is granted according to the modes indicated in the application, and inform the Foundation of any changes to said modes;
- inform the Foundation of any issue that may arise during the execution of the funded work;
- provide the Foundation with any information, if requested, both at the beginning and during the course of the project;
- make the research results known by whatever means and on whatever occasion (scientific journals, conferences, congresses, Internet website, etc.) always making sure to mention, with adequate emphasis, the decisive contribution granted by the Foundation.



## 8. OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNDERTAKING OR PARTNER ORGANIZATION

If the work for which the fund is requested is to be carried out in collaboration with any other entity ("third party"), the latter shall commit, for the sake of the Foundation, to:

- *assiduously collaborate with the university or research institute in executing the work eligible for funding;*
- *keep its registered office located in the province of Pistoia for at least 5 years from the date of this call;*
- *inform the Foundation of any event that may affect the regular execution of the work relationship;*
- *provide the Foundation with any information or evaluations, if so requested.*

## 9. PATENTS AND IP

Any results and know-how attained by the University or research Center and funded under this call, i.e. by the partner organization, shall remain the property of the latter. However, it is understood that each patent, or any other equivalent form of legal protection, may be requested and obtained, where possible, by the said entities only in the capacity of co-owners with the Foundation or undertakings or operating entities belonging to the same and appointed by the latter for such purpose. In such a situation, the latter can retain the right to acquire and keep, in such capacity, a portion not exceeding 30% while agreeing, at the same time, to sustain the charges arising therefrom.

## 10. BREACH OF THE DUTY TO ACT CORRECTLY AND FAIRLY

Any untrue declaration and any behaviour contrary to the principles of correctness and good faith committed by the applicant and /or beneficiary and/or the undertaking or partner organization, which constitutes a breach of the provisions and purposes of this call with consequent damage to the Foundation, shall lead to the immediate suspension of the funds as well as the revocation of the amounts already granted and the filing of compensation and restitution claims against the breaching party.

The Foundation retains the right to initiate any other action whatsoever as deemed appropriate and in accordance with the law.

## 11. RESERVE AND EVALUATION TIMEFRAME

The Foundation retains the right, on the basis of the applications received, to extend the terms for submitting applications. Indicatively, the Foundation shall evaluate the submitted applications and decide on the awarding of funds within 60 days after the submission deadline.

## INFORMATION

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