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Directorate VI – Personnel Management
Personnel Management Area Division 3 – Personnel Planning and Recruitment
Unit 2 – Postgraduate Recruitment

Public notice for collecting expressions of interest aimed at the direct award of a research appointment, pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, to carry out the research project "The OPEN Bilingual-Advantage Replicability project (OPEN BAR)", scientific-disciplinary group 11/PSIC-01 and scientific-disciplinary sector PSIC-01/A, at the Department of Systems Medicine

Selection code: IRMI20268

The Rector

Having regard to Law No. 168 of 9 May 1989, “Establishment of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific and Technological Research”;

Having regard to Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, entitled: “Rules on the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, and delegation to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system” and, in particular, Article 22-ter, which governs research appointments aimed at introducing candidates to research and innovation;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 45 of 7 April 2025, converted, with amendments, into Law No. 79 of 5 June 2025, containing provisions on postdoctoral appointments and research appointments;

Having regard to Decree No. 639 of 2 May 2024 of the Minister of Universities and Research, entitled “Determination of scientific-disciplinary groups and their descriptions, as well as the rationalization and updating of scientific-disciplinary sectors and their assignment to scientific-disciplinary groups”;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, also known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);

Having regard to Decree No. 592 of 6 August 2025 of the Minister of Universities and Research, determining the minimum remuneration for research appointments pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010;

Having regard to Rector's Decree No. 2880 of 12 September 2025, approving the Regulations for the award of research contracts, postdoctoral appointments and research appointments pursuant to Articles 22, 22-bis and 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010;

Having regard to the resolution of the Council of the Department of Systems Medicine of 4 November 2026, which gave a favorable opinion on the request by Dr. Giacomo Spinelli, a researcher in the same Department, to initiate a procedure for the direct award of 1 research appointment pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, by means of a public notice for collecting expressions of interest, to carry out the research activities envisaged by the project “The OPEN Bilingual-Advantage Replicability project (OPEN BAR)”, scientific-disciplinary group 11/PSIC-01 and scientific-disciplinary sector PSIC-01/A,

funded under the FIS 3 – Starting Grant program (FIS-2024-03501), with external resources obtained at national level through a competitive call;

Whereas the conditions set out in Article 22-ter, paragraph 4, of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 are met for the direct awarding of the research position through a public notice inviting expressions of interest;

Having ascertained the availability of the necessary financial coverage under reservation No. 18129/2026 (CUP B53C25004050001);

Deeming it therefore appropriate to issue this public notice inviting expressions of interest;

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Art. 1

1. A public notice is hereby issued inviting expressions of interest for the direct award of 1 research position pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, as specified below:

Department	Department of Systems Medicine
Research project	The OPEN Bilingual-Advantage Replicability project (OPEN BAR)
Description of the research project	There are replicability problems with studies that suggest that people who speak more than one language have an advantage in attentional control efficiency compared with those who speak only one. This position will address these issues in two ways: 1) enabling the replication of studies reporting a bilingual advantage by systematically collecting and organizing their data, materials, and code for publication within an open web app for the scientific community; 2) estimating the replicability of the results reported in these studies through direct replication of a behavioral sample of them, primarily in healthy adults, following the registered report format. These activities involve, under appropriate supervision, extracting, organizing, and annotating heterogeneous information, communicating directly with the original authors of the studies, programming studies using dedicated tools, and following rigorous open science practices

Disciplinary scientific group	11/PSIC-01
Disciplinary scientific sector	PSIC-01/A
Number of positions	1
Appointment duration	36 months
Requirement	Holding a master's or single-cycle degree in Psychology, Linguistics or related disciplines, obtained no more than six years ago, and an appropriate curriculum for assisting with research activities
Specific curricular skills required and assessable	Thesis, internships and/or study path relevant to cognitive psychology, cognitive neuroscience and/or psychometrics; experience in systematic literature review and structured extraction and annotation of data, materials and/or code from scientific publications; basic knowledge of sampling design, the programming and administration of behavioral experiments, and data analysis; familiarity with open science principles and practices, particularly preregistration and transparent management of data, materials and/or code; strong scientific communication and correspondence skills in English
Maximum number of publications to be submitted	5
Required foreign language	English
Principal investigator	Dr. Giacomo Spinelli
Funding	MUR – FIS 3 – Starting Grant (FIS-2024-03501) CUP B53C25004050001

2. The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities for women and men in access to employment and in treatment at work, pursuant to Legislative Decree 198/2006 and the University's Gender Equality Plan (GEP). The use of the masculine gender in this notice is intended to refer to all genders and is adopted solely for the sake of simplicity and clarity.

Art. 2

Requirements for Submitting an Expression of Interest

1. Young graduates, Italian or foreign, may submit an expression of interest if, by the application deadline, they meet the following requirements:

- a master's or single-cycle degree in Psychology, Linguistics, or related disciplines, obtained no more than six years before the closing date of this call;

- a curriculum suitable for assisting with research activities.

2. Candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad may participate in the procedure if that qualification corresponds, in level, nature, and subject area, to the one required by this notice. The scientific supervisor will verify the qualification's equivalence, based on the documentation submitted by the candidate, solely for the purposes of participating in this procedure and awarding the appointment.

Candidates must attach to their application the documentation required to carry out this verification. If they already have them, they may also attach any qualification recognition decisions issued under current legislation.

3. The following may not participate in the procedure:

- anyone related by blood or marriage, up to and including the fourth degree, to a professor affiliated with the Department/Center proposing the appointment, or to the Rector, the Director General, or a member of the Board of Directors;

- tenured, permanent employees of universities, public research bodies, and institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to a doctoral degree pursuant to Article 74, paragraph four, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of July 11, 1980;

- anyone who has already held contracts under Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 2010;

- anyone deprived of civil and political rights in their country of citizenship, if a foreign national;

- those who have been dismissed, released or declared to have forfeited a public-sector position with a Public Administration;

- those who, taking into account the duration of the position covered by this procedure, would exceed the overall maximum limit of eleven years set by current legislation as the maximum cumulative duration of the relationships governed by Articles 22, 22-bis, 22-ter and 24 of Law 240/2010, without prejudice to periods excluded from the calculation under the law.

4. The admission requirements must be met, on pain of exclusion, by the deadline set for submitting the application.

5. Candidates are admitted to the procedure provisionally. Exclusion from the procedure may be ordered at any stage by a reasoned decision of the Rector.

Art. 3

Incompatibility

1. The research position is incompatible with any other employment relationship, including part-time or fixed-term employment, with public or private entities. For an employee serving in a public administration, it entails leave without pay for its entire duration.

2. The position is also incompatible with:

- holding research grants, contracts or positions under Articles 22, 22-bis and 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010;

- holding scholarships awarded for any purpose by national or foreign institutions, except those intended exclusively for international mobility for research purposes;

- enrollment in undergraduate, specialist or master's degree programs, doctoral programs or medical specialization programs in Italy or abroad, without prejudice to the possibility of implementing specific European Union research funding programs under actions related to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) program.

3. The total duration of relationships established with holders of research positions, as well as of positions under Articles 22 (research contracts) and 22-bis (postdoctoral positions), and of contracts under Article 24 (RTT), including those with other state, non-state or online universities, institutions of higher education in the arts, music and dance, institutions whose scientific advanced studies diploma has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD under Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of 11 July 1980, and public research institutions, may in no case exceed eleven years, even if non-consecutive.

Periods spent on leave for maternity, paternity, or health reasons do not count toward the duration of the aforementioned appointments.

4. Notwithstanding all of the above, the holder of the research appointment may not, under any circumstances, engage in activities that could give rise to a conflict of interest with the University's activities or that are incompatible with the proper conduct of the research activities specified in the appointment.

Art. 4

Compensation, tax, social security, and insurance treatment

1. The annual compensation for the research appointment is € 22.500,00 gross, before deductions payable by the recipient. This amount is paid in arrears in monthly installments.

2. The research appointment is subject, for tax purposes, to the provisions of Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984; for social security purposes, to the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995; for mandatory maternity leave, to the provisions of the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007; and, for sick leave, to Article 1, paragraph 788, of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006. During mandatory maternity leave, the allowance paid by the National Social Security Institute (INPS) under Article 5 of the aforementioned Decree of 12 July 2007 is supplemented by the University up to the full amount of the compensation for the research appointment.

3. The University provides the appointee with accident insurance and third-party liability coverage for risks associated with carrying out the activities specified in the contract.

Art. 5

Expression of interest: submission procedures and deadlines

1. The expression of interest must be submitted by completing an application exclusively online using the application available at the following address: https://pica.cineca.it/uniroma2/

2. The online application must be completed and submitted by the strict deadline of thirty days, starting from the day after publication of this notice.

3. Use of the online application requires a valid email address for registration in the system.

4. The application must be completed in full, as instructed in the online procedure.

5. No other means of submitting the application or documentation required to participate in the procedure are permitted.

6. Until the application submission deadline, the system allows it to be saved in “draft” mode. Once the procedure is complete, the system automatically generates a receipt confirming submission of the application, which is sent to the email address provided by the candidate. After the deadline has passed, the system will not allow any further changes or submission of the application.

7. The application must be signed, on pain of exclusion, using one of the methods permitted by the PICA platform:

signature on the ConFirma server using a smart card or USB device with a compatible digital certificate; the PDF can be downloaded.

digital signature using your own hardware device (e.g. smart card or USB device) or digital signature software. The downloaded PDF document may be signed in PAdES format (signature embedded in the PDF) or CAdES format (creating a file with the extension pdf.p7m) and must then be uploaded to the website.

handwritten signature: alternatively, the document may be printed and, after being signed by hand, scanned and uploaded to the website.

8. Publications that candidates intend to submit must be sent in PDF format through the designated section of the online procedure. Publications must be submitted in compliance with the maximum number specified in Article 1 of this notice, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 19, letter c) below.

9. For selection purposes, only publications and texts accepted for publication in accordance with the regulations in force may be assessed. Internal notes and departmental reports may not be assessed.

10. Texts or articles accepted for publication must be submitted together with the publisher’s acceptance document by the deadline specified in the call.

11. For publications issued in Italy, the requirements set out in Law no. 106 of 15 April 2004 and its implementing regulation (Presidential Decree no. 252 of 3 May 2006) shall apply.

12. Publications must be submitted in the original language. If they are not in Italian, French, English, German or Spanish, they must be accompanied by a certified Italian translation prepared by an official translator or the competent diplomatic or consular mission.

13. It is not permitted to refer to documents submitted to this or other administrations, or to documents attached to applications for other selection procedures.

14. For all legal purposes, the application constitutes a substitute declaration of certification and an affidavit pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as subsequently amended, with regard to the data and statements contained therein.

15. Italian citizens and citizens of the European Union may use substitute declarations pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000. The Administration reserves the right to conduct checks, including random checks, on the truthfulness of the declarations made.

16. Non-EU citizens lawfully residing in Italy may use the substitute declarations referred to in Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 only to certify personal statuses, facts or qualities that can be certified or attested to by Italian public entities.

17. Where the above does not apply, non-EU citizens authorized to reside in Italy may use the substitute declarations provided for in Articles 46 and 47 only if their submission is governed by international agreements between Italy and the declarant’s country of origin.

18. Apart from the cases referred to in paragraphs 15, 16 and 17, non-EU citizens must document the required statuses, facts and qualities by means of certificates or attestations issued by the competent authorities of the foreign country. When the contract is signed, these documents must be submitted together with an Italian translation authenticated by the Italian consular authority, certifying that it conforms to the original, without prejudice to the warning regarding the criminal consequences of submitting false documents.

19. The following must be attached to the application, or the applicant will be disqualified:

a) a dated and signed scientific and professional résumé, suitable for supporting research activities and containing all information useful for the assessment;

b) the degree thesis;

c) any scientific publications deemed useful for the selection, up to the maximum number specified in Article 1 of this notice.

d) a copy of a valid identity document or passport.

20. For information, contact the University Administration’s Postgraduate Recruitment Department, via Cracovia 50, Building H, room 3. Contact: email assegni.ricerca@amm.uniroma2.it, telephone 0672592344.

21. For any technical problems, contact CINECA directly by clicking “For technical problems, contact support” at the bottom of the page https://pica.cineca.it/uniroma2/.

Art. 6

Evaluation of expressions of interest

1. Expressions of interest are evaluated by the Scientific Lead of the research project.

2. Before the evaluation begins, the Scientific Lead makes a formal declaration attesting to the absence of grounds for incompatibility, recusal, or conflicts of interest with the candidates.

3. If a situation of incompatibility arises, the Head of the Unit appoints a professor or researcher belonging to the academic discipline group or academic discipline sector covered by the assignment to conduct the evaluation.

4. The evaluation is conducted in relation to the activities planned under the research project and aims to identify, among the candidates who submitted an expression of interest, the one whose scientific and professional profile is most suitable and consistent with the activities covered by the assignment.

5. For the purposes of the comparative evaluation, the Scientific Lead considers, in particular, the scientific and professional résumé, qualifications held, any publications submitted, skills acquired, and the relevance of the training and professional experience gained in relation to the activities planned under the research project and the specific curricular skills required and specified in Article 1 of this notice.

6. If deemed necessary for the comparative evaluation of the expressions of interest, the Scientific Lead may invite candidates to an interview to further assess the skills and experience stated in their résumé, as well as the suitability of their scientific and professional profile for carrying out the activities planned under the research project.

7. At the end of the evaluation, the Scientific Lead draws up a report containing the comparative evaluation of the applications and identifies, with reasons, the candidate whose scientific and professional profile is most suitable for carrying out the activities planned under the research project, and submits a proposal to award the research assignment to the Unit Council.

8. On the reasoned recommendation of the Scientific Lead, made following the comparative evaluation of the applications, the Unit Council awards the research assignment.

9. Notice of the decision to award the assignment is published on the University’s institutional website.

10. The outcome of the procedure is confirmed by decree of the Rector, who awards the position for the subsequent conclusion of the contract.

Art. 7

Formalization of the Employment Relationship

1. The University shall summon the candidate selected to receive the position for the purpose of concluding the contract, specifying the date on which the employment relationship begins. The candidate may, for substantiated reasons, request a postponement of the start date for a period not exceeding fifteen days. If this period expires without action, the candidate forfeits the right to conclude the contract.

2. The position does not confer any right to access university staff positions, nor may it be counted for the purposes set out in Article 20 of Legislative Decree No. 75 of 25 May 2017.

3. The contract must specify:

a) the start and end dates;

b) the location where the activities are to be carried out;

c) the activities associated with the position;

d) the employee's gross annual remuneration;

e) the grounds for termination of the contract and the applicable notice periods;

f) the grounds for withdrawal pursuant to Article 2119 of the Civil Code;

g) the rules on intellectual property and data processing, as well as the related confidentiality obligations;

h) the commitment to comply with the obligations set out in the University's Code of Ethics and Conduct;

i) the tutor responsible for the research activity.

Art. 8

Extension and Renewal

1. The research position may be extended and renewed for a maximum total period of three years. The total duration of relationships with the same person, including at different institutions, may not exceed three years, even if non-consecutive, as provided for in Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010.

2. For the purposes of calculating the total duration of the aforementioned relationships, periods of leave for maternity, paternity, or health reasons are excluded, in accordance with current legislation.

3. The time limits referred to in the preceding paragraph may be waived only to implement specific European Union research funding programs under actions related to the “Marie Skłodowska-Curie” (MSCA) program.

4. The extension or renewal shall be approved by the Council of the Structure.

5. The resolution of the Council of the Structure must be sent to the competent offices at least ninety days before the appointment expires. The resolution must state the duration of the extension or renewal and the arrangements for financial coverage, accompanied by the necessary documentation.

6. Extensions and renewals of appointments must in any case comply with the limit of a maximum total duration of three years.

Art. 9

Expiry and termination of the contract

1. The employment relationship ends upon expiry of the term, withdrawal by either party, or any other cause of termination provided for by current legislation.

2. The cancellation of the procedure governed by this notice entails the cancellation of the appointment.

3. Either party may withdraw from the contract before the expiry of the term if a cause arises which, pursuant to Art. 2119 of the Civil Code, does not permit the relationship to continue, even provisionally.

4. If the holder of the research appointment decides to withdraw before the contract expires, they must give written notice thirty (30) days in advance.

Art. 10

Rights and duties

1. The holder of the research appointment must carry out the activity covered by this notice, defining its methods and schedule in agreement with the tutor, in accordance with the organizational aspects and functional requirements of the research.

2. The host research unit must provide the appointee with the means available to carry out the research program, ensuring access to the necessary equipment and resources, as well as technical and administrative services, in accordance with current rules and the provisions approved by the research unit itself.

3. The research activity may be carried out in part at a university or research institution abroad, provided it is consistent with the research program and objectives. The period abroad must be expressly authorized in advance by the tutor, who must promptly notify the competent administrative office, indicating both the period and the foreign institution where the activity will be carried out.

4. The appointee is subject to the health checks required by Legislative Decree No. 81 of 9 April 2008, at the University's expense, and to workplace safety regulations.

5. In the event of a request for external assignments, the Council of the Unit shall decide, after obtaining the tutor's opinion and assessing the absence of conflicts of interest and the compatibility of the assignment with the research activities.

Art. 11

Processing of personal data

1. The University of Rome Tor Vergata, as Data Controller, processes the personal data of users participating in the public selection procedure for the award of research assignments in pursuit of its institutional objectives and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, known as the General Data Protection Regulation, as amended.

2. The University, as Data Controller of the personal data of individuals participating in this public procedure, has the responsibilities set out in Art. 24 of Reg. (EU) 2016/679.

The processing of the personal data of the data subjects must relate exclusively to participation in the selection procedure.

3. The following contact details are provided for the Data Controller and the D.P.O.: the University of Rome "Tor Vergata", as Data Controller of the personal data of users intending to participate in the public selection procedure: e-mail address rettore@uniroma2.it; certified e-mail (P.E.C.) address direzione.generale@pec.uniroma2.it, with registered office in Rome, Via Cracovia No. 50 (ZIP code 00133). The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at e-mail address rpd@uniroma2.it or certified e-mail (P.E.C.) address rpd@pec.torvergata.it.

4. For details regarding the processing of the personal data of data subjects in the public selection procedure for the award of research assignments—which forms an integral part of this notice—please refer to the full privacy notice, "Notice pursuant to Arts. 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 for users intending to participate in the public selection procedure for the award of research assignments to collaborate on research activities at the University of Rome Tor Vergata," available at: http://utov.it/s/privacy.

Art. 12

Final provisions and safeguard clause

1. The Administration reserves the right, by reasoned decision, to extend, suspend, amend, revoke or cancel this notice, in whole or in part, due to subsequent public-interest needs, subsequent regulatory provisions or other justified needs of the Administration, without candidates being entitled to claim any rights, expectations, or compensation or indemnity.

2. Matters not expressly governed by this notice are subject to the provisions of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, the University Regulations for the award of research contracts, postdoctoral positions and research positions, and any other applicable laws and regulations.

Art. 13

Officer responsible for the procedure

The officer responsible for the procedure for this selection is Dr. Carmine Pasquariello, e-mail: assegni.ricerca@amm.uniroma2.it.

Art. 14

Publication

1. This notice is published on the official website of the University of Rome Tor Vergata, on the PICA online portal - https://pica.cineca.it/uniroma2/, on the website of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), and on the European Euraxess portal.

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