



STARTING GRANT - YOUNG RESEARCHERS 2018

INTERNAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

1. Aim of the Programme

As part of the University Strategic Plan 2017-2021, the Academic Senate approved the Project submitted by the Pro-rector for Research entitled "GIOVANI – Azione a favore dei giovani ricercatori" with the aim of enhancing the participation of young researchers of the University of Trento to National, European and International Research Programmes (Decision dated January 22nd 2018).

The Academic Senate approved a total budget of **240.000,00 Euro** for 3 years. This amount will cover the costs incurred by the applicant for the preparation of one or more proposals for research funding under competitive calls. The information on eligible costs is available in section 3 of this call for proposals.

The maximum contribution for each project is up to **15.000,00 Euro**.

The total budget of the call is allocated as follows:

- 120.000,00 Euro for projects under Humanities (around 8 projects will be funded);
- 120.000,00 Euro for projects under Science and Technology disciplines including Psychology, (around 8 projects will be funded).

The duration of the projects is between 12 and 16 months (the indicative start date is July 1st, 2018). During the funded project the applicants should carry out activities aimed at the preparation and submission of the proposal(s) under competitive calls for research funding.

2. Eligible applicants

The applicant must be a young researcher hired by University of Trento with one of the following types of contract:

- **assegnista and/or post-doc collaborator;**
- **fixed-term researcher.**

The applicant must have a contract with the University of Trento during the entire duration of the project in order to prepare and submit proposals as Principal Investigators or funded researcher (e.g. individual fellowship like Marie Skłodowska-Curie individual fellowship).

The applicants that will receive funding under this call, cannot apply to the future calls published under this programme.

3. Eligible costs and activities

The applicant should demonstrate that the requested budget is necessary for the implementation of the proposed activities aimed at the preparation and submission of research proposals and properly justified.

The budget can foresee the costs for:

- the participation to training courses on how to write competitive proposals and/or infodays on particular calls organized outside the University (fee + travel and subsistence);
- the attendance to scientific conferences on themes relevant to the proposals that the applicant is going to write and submit (both as keynote speaker or participant);
- travel and subsistence to visit other institutions and or laboratories to create or consolidate collaborations needed for the proposals preparation and submission (e.g. the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Host Institution, even if this is not the University of Trento) or the creation of a consortium with Trento as partner or coordinator (up to 50% of the requested/granted contribution);
- the invitation of external experts in order to create or consolidate important collaborations that can be useful in collaborative projects involving the University of Trento;
- research activities for the collection of preliminary data, e.g. consumables, purchase of small equipment (up to 50% of the requested/granted contribution), compensation to subjects, access to research infrastructures etc.;
- publications, aimed at enhancing the cv of the applicant;



- organization of small workshops to discuss project ideas to be submitted together with external experts (potential partners of the project);
- consulting services and/or other external services necessary to develop and write the proposal (e.g. translation, editing etc.).

Ineligible costs:

- for staff already hired by the University of Trento;
- for staff to be hired by the University of Trento (including the applicant);
- for lap-tops and/or PCs.

All the expenses must be foreseen in the project, if the project is retained for funding they must be incurred during the project in compliance with the University internal regulations. In addition, the costs must be:

- incurred directly as a result of the project;
- in connection with the activities described in the project and necessary for the achievement of the results of this project (e.g. submission of proposals);
- in compliance with the principle of sound financial management.

4. Project submission

The projects under this call must be drafted in Italian or English (the applicant can choose between English and Italian) using the form here attached.

The applicant must sign the project and send it as PDF file by email within **May 4th 2018** at the following e-mail address: **research.support@unitn.it**.

Please indicate in the subject of the email the following: UniTrento Starting Grant plus name and surname of the applicant and the department/center.

For further information and/or clarifications, please contact the research offices:

- polo Città: citta.research@unitn.it
- polo Collina: collina.research@unitn.it
- polo Rovereto: rovereto.research@unitn.it

5. Project evaluation

The Academic Senate of the University of Trento will appoint 2 internal Evaluation Committees, one for the Humanities and one for Science and Technology disciplines including Psychology. The Committees will evaluate the projects received and select projects for funding.

The projects will be assessed according to the following evaluation criteria:

- The appropriateness of the financial plan to the proposal(s) that the applicant would like to submit (taking into consideration also the type of funding programme) and
- the CV of the applicant.

6. Public access to documents.

The call and all the related documents will be published at the following webpage: <http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/50221/bandi>

7. Reporting

The funded applicants will have to submit a report within 2 months after the end of the project funded under this call. The report should detail:

- a) The expenses incurred during the preparation and submission of the proposal/s. In case the amount reported is less than the contribution granted, the unspent amount will be returned to the central budget of the University.
- b) The list of the proposals submitted.

The Research office will send to all the funded applicants the internal guidelines and forms to report costs .

Attachment 1: Proposal Template