

The University of Trento (UniTrento) announces
the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship +1 (MSCA+1) Action

UniTrento Internal Call for expression of interest 2025-2026

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1. Aim of the Action

The initiative is promoted within the framework of the 2022-2027 University Strategic Plan, in particular of the Action aimed at strengthening the research quality of individual researchers. The Action will offer to UniTrento MSCA-PF fellows a one-year renewal of their grant to continue the research activity and to further develop it in order to submit an ERC proposal with UniTrento as Host Institution.

The initiative will be proposed with an internal call for expression of interest covering 2 years (2025-2026). Maximum 1 MSCA+1 grant per year will be funded.

2. Funding

Each MSCA+1 funding covers a total of one-year renewal of the research contract (assegno di ricerca), plus an endowment of € 5.000,00 per year as a research fund.

3. Eligible applicants

The internal selection is addressed only to UniTrento MSCA-PF fellows who:

- Meet the requirements provided for by the University Regulation n. 293 of 31 March 2025 “Regolamento per il reclutamento e la progressione di carriera di professori e di ricercatori e per il conferimento degli assegni di ricerca di cui all'art. 22, l. 240/2010”;
- For 2025 internal call for Expression of Interest: hold a MSCA -PF research grant contract expiring after the publication of this call but not later than December 2025;
- For 2026 internal call for Expression of Interest: hold a MSCA -PF research grant contract expiring after the publication of this call but not later than December 2026.

3.1. Incompatibility

The PI that receives or has received an individual grant that requires a 100% commitment (or a grant for the same proposal cannot participate or accept this Unitrento grant).

The Unitrento contribution can be used until the contract with Unitrento is in place. The PI must notify the University of Trento without delay of any new position or contract or fellowship he/she has obtained in other legal entities. If the PI gets a position or signs an

employment contract or a fellowship with another legal entity, the project and the contract will be terminated; unspent funds will be no longer available, and a final report will be requested by the University.

4. Eligible costs

All costs must be in compliance with the internal regulations, they must be:

- directly attributed to the project;
- necessary for the achievement of the results of the project;
- in compliance with the principles of sound financial management;
- incurred according to accrual basis by the end date of the project.

5. Proposal Submission

Proposals under this call must be drafted in English using the form attached to the call. The proposal should include:

- Grant renewal request signed by the candidate and by the Director of the Department/Center where the research activity will take place (see attached form);
- Declaration of compliance with University Regulation no. 8 of 10 January 2018 “Regolamento per il reclutamento e la progressione di carriera di professori e di ricercatori e per il conferimento degli assegni di ricerca di cui all'art. 22, l. 240/2010” (see attached form);
- One page draft (background, research aims, in English) of the ERC proposal (with UniTrento as Host Institution);
- Report on the activities, main results and milestones achieved within the MSCA funded project with respect to the original aims (in Italian or English), signed by the candidate and by the supervisor of the MSCA-PF project.

Applications must be sent in PDF according to the form attached to the following e-mail address: research.support@unitn.it

- For 2025 internal call for Expression of Interest: 9th May 2025 at noon
- For 2026 internal call for Expression of Interest: 1st October 2025 at noon

Please specify in the email subject: UniTrento MSCA+1_year_name and surname of the applicant_department/center.

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

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

6. Evaluation procedure

The University of Trento will appoint an internal Evaluation Committee composed by at least three University Professors, one for each ERC sector. The Commission will evaluate the quality of the results achieved during the MSCA-PF project and the new project proposal of the applicant and will decide the number of grants to be funded according to the available budget. The secretary of the Committee will be identified among the staff of the Directorate of Research Services and Valorization. The Directorate of Research Services and Valorization will communicate the outcome of the assessment within 45 days after the call deadline. In the event of a successful selection, the renewal of the grant must also be approved by the competent body of the academic structure where the research activity will take place.

7. Reporting

Funded applicants will have to promptly communicate any changes in their research activity. They also have to submit a final report within 30 days after the end of the 12 months renewal project, that should detail the activities developed and the corresponding expenses incurred.

8. Public access to documents

The call and all the related documents will be published at the following webpage:

<https://www.unitn.it/it/ricerca/fai-ricerca-unitrento/bandi-interni>

9. Personal data

Personal data processed by the University of Trento in the management of this call will be treated in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection

Regulation or 'GDPR'), national legislation (Legislative Decree June 30, 2003, No. 196, Code on the protection of personal data), and the guidelines and practices established by the Data Protection Authority and the European Data Protection Board.

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