



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-PF) +1

Internal call for Expression of Interest - 2027 (MSCA+1 2027)

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1. Aim of the Action

The initiative is promoted within the framework of the 2022-2027 University of Trento Strategic Plan, in particular of the Action aimed at strengthening the research quality of individual researchers. The Action will offer to UniTrento MSCA-PF fellows¹ a one-year renewal of their current contract or “assegno” to continue the research activity and to further develop it in order to submit an ERC proposal with UniTrento as Host Institution.

This initiative will be implemented through an internal call for expression of interest covering 1 year. Maximum 1 MSCA+1 grant will be funded under this call.

2. Funding

The MSCA+1 funding covers one-year renewal of the research contract (according with the current employment contract of the applicant), plus € 5.000,00 per year as a research budget.

3. Eligible applicants

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

- meet either the requirements set forth in 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” or the requirements set forth in the University Regulation n. 1161 of 30 September 2025 “Regolamento unico per il conferimento di contratti di ricerca, incarichi post-doc e incarichi di ricerca di cui agli artt. 22, 22 bis e 22 ter l. 240/2010”;
- hold a MSCA-PF “assegno di ricerca” or research contract expiring from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027.

¹ UniTrento MSCA-PF fellows are postdoctoral researchers who have an employment contract with the University of Trento funded under an MSCA PF project granted to UniTrento.



3.1. Incompatibility

The Applicant 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 only while the contract with UniTrento is active. The Applicant must notify the University of Trento without delay of any new position, contract, or fellowship obtained with other legal entities. If the Applicant accepts 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 no longer be 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 template provided in the application form attached to the call. The proposal should include:

- Grant renewal request signed by the applicant, by the Supervisor and by the Director of the Department/Center where the research activity will take place (see the template in the attached application form);
- Declaration of compliance with either 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” or the University Regulation n. 1161 of 30 September 2025 “Regolamento unico per il



conferimento di contratti di ricerca, incarichi post-doc e incarichi di ricerca di cui agli artt. 22, 22 bis e 22 ter l. 240/2010” (see the template in the attached application form);

- One-page draft (background, research aims, in English) of the ERC proposal (with UniTrento as Host Institution);
- A report on the activities and main results achieved within the MSCA funded project with respect to the original aims up to deadline of this application (English), signed by the Applicant and by the Supervisor of the MSCA-PF project.

Applications must be submitted in PDF format using the template provided in the application form and sent to the following email address: research.support@unitn.it, no later than **October 5th 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon)**.

Please specify in the email subject: UniTrento MSCA+1_2027_name and surname of the applicant_department/center.

For further information and/or clarifications, please contact the research office: research.support@unitn.it.

6. Evaluation procedure

The University of Trento will appoint an internal Evaluation Committee composed of at least three University Professors, one for each ERC scientific domain. The Commission will evaluate the quality of the results achieved during the MSCA-PF project and of the new ERC project proposal of the Applicant.

The secretary of the Committee will be identified among the staff of the Research Support Division. The Research Support Division 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 current “assegno” or research contract must also be approved by the competent board of the Department/Center where the research activity will take place.



7. Reporting

The funded Applicant will have to promptly communicate any changes in their research activity. A final report detailing the activities undertaken and all related expenses must be submitted within 30 days following the completion of the 12-month contract renewal.

8. Public access to documents

The call and all the related documents will be published at the webpage [Bandi interni](#).

9. Personal data 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. The University's Privacy Statement is available in the Application Form (attachment 1 to the call).

10. Attachment 1: Application form