Annex 1 Rectoral Decree Nr. 108/21

Call for two Marie Curie ITN fellows funded in the framework of the European MENTOR project at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Italy.

Call for applications for admission to Ph.D. programmes 37th Cycle

Academic Year – 2021/22

Article 1
(Available Positions)
The Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies announces 2 ERS (Early-Stage Researcher) fellowships within the European Marie Curie Action ITN (Initial Training Network) European MENTOR project for n. 2 Ph.D. positions in the three-year Ph.D. Programme in Emerging Digital Technologies 37th Cycle

Article 2
(Application requirements)
Candidates with the academic qualifications set forth below may apply for the above Ph.D. positions:
- Master of Science (MSc) degree or equivalent,
- Similar academic qualification obtained abroad, comparable with the Italian qualification in terms of level, duration and contents and deemed eligible for application.

Candidates should have good interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively and cooperatively in a diverse and international team environment and to define and implement solutions in line with team objectives. In addition, candidates should have excellent organizational, reporting and communication skills, as well as a proactive attitude towards solving problems and an interest in optical communications and networking, and machine learning / artificial intelligence. Proficiency English level is essential. Team working and availability to travel are essential.

In order to fulfill the eligibility criteria of the Marie Curie ITN at the date of recruitment, applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their recruitment. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account. Italian candidates can apply if they have resided in another country for more than 2 years of the last 3 years.

At the time of recruitment by the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, the applicant has not yet been awarded the doctorate degree and he/she is in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of his/her research career. Applicants who will obtain their academic qualification within the 1st September 2021 may also be admitted to the selection process.

The official starting date of the Ph.D. courses for the School is set to 1st October. Nevertheless, as specified in article 5 below, the starting date of the academic year as well as the scholarship payment may be postponed to the 1st November at the latest for admitted candidates who have obtained their degree in October. This term shall not be extended any further. In such case, the enrolment date in the Ph.D. programme starts from the day after the obtainment of the MSc degree.

Candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries)
All candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries) are required to submit a copy of their original degree certificate along with a translation unless written in English/French/Spanish/German.

Admission to the Programme for candidates holding a foreign qualification obtained in a NON-EU Country is in any case subject to verification of the qualification held, which is carried out on the basis of the “Dichiarazione di valore in loco” [statement of validity] issued by the local Italian diplomatic office, or, alternatively, of the Diploma Supplement.
The Statement of validity should contain the following information:
1) legal status and nature of the issuing institution;
2) admission requirements for the study programme resulting in that qualification;
3) legal duration of the study programme and/or the overall commitment required of the student determined in ECTS (if available);
4) value of the qualification for academic and professional purposes in the system/Country which issued it.

**Article 3**

*(Application submission)*

The application must be submitted electronically by using the specific procedure available in the dedicated section of the School website. [https://sssup.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do;jsessionid=02BE8DC206D49658385CB5B7DD00180C.esse3-sssup-prod-02?cod_lingua=eng](https://sssup.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do;jsessionid=02BE8DC206D49658385CB5B7DD00180C.esse3-sssup-prod-02?cod_lingua=eng) before the deadline June 18th 2021.

The application procedure consists of the following steps:
1. registration of personal data on the website;
2. insertion of data and documents requested by the online procedure

Candidates are required to fill in the application and state under their own responsibility:

a) surname, name, place and date of birth, nationality;
b) to hold the academic qualification set forth in article 2 above, specifying the degree programme, its duration and the University or Institution of Higher Education having issued it;
c) the final mark obtained in the MSc degree(s), specifying the maximum possible mark and the degree award date;
d) the expected MSc degree award date, for those not yet graduated;
e) the curriculum: Photonic Technologies;
f) e-mail address, mandatory for competition-related correspondence.

People with disabilities should attach a note to the application for taking part in the competition, applying for the assistance they require throughout the competition in relation to their disability, as well as for any extra time needed.

The documents required for the application should be attached to the application form, on pain of exclusion. The School may perform checks on the truthfulness of the declarations and documents submitted, at any time during the procedure, including after the start of the Programmes, and may request that the original documents be produced. In the event of false declarations, the School may order the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or from the Programme at any time, by the substantiated decision of the Rector, without prejudice to the criminal liability deriving from the same.

**Article 4**

*(Selection Board and test examinations)*

The Examining Board for admission to the Ph.D. Programme is appointed by decree of the Rector and their composition is available for consultation on the School website. Selection consists in the assessment of the qualifications submitted and an interview. The Board will award a score out of one hundred, from 1 to 100.

Assessment of qualifications – maximum score possible: 70 The Examining Board will assess the CV of studies and any scientific qualifications submitted.

Candidates are not required to be present during the assessment of qualifications.

The candidates selected for interview will receive an email and the relative schedule at:
The School will notify those candidates selected for interview of the day and time of the same, as well as of the score received in the assessment phase, by writing to the email address specified in the application. **This email will also inform candidates whether or not they need to present a research project at the interview.**

**Interview** – maximum score possible: 30

The interview will consist in a discussion about the qualifications submitted, in particular the CV, as well as verification of the level of knowledge of the English language. Candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from the merit ranking list.

The interview will be conducted as a video conference (for example using the software Webex). The candidate shall specify this choice in the application to take part in the competition, attaching a copy of his/her identity document which should include a clear photograph.

The identity document used in the online form should be shown before the start of the interview.

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**Article 5**

*(Admission to the Ph.D. Programme and entrance of students)*

Successful candidates are admitted to the Ph.D. programme according to the ranking list and subject to availability of the positions subject to the competition.

The general merit ranking lists, approved by decree of the Rector, are published on the School website. Publication constitutes an official communication.

In case of equal ranking in the assessment phase, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The School reserves the right to assign any positions which become available as a result of candidates renouncing or dropping out, to suitable candidates on the ranking list. Two rank scrolls are provided for:

- first rank scroll, before the beginning of the courses and in any case within and not beyond the 15th September;
- second rank scroll, following the beginning of the courses, within and not beyond the 1st December; in such case, the scroll flow is admitted exclusively with the favorable pronouncement of the teaching body of the relevant course.

The effectiveness of the selection is subject to confirmation by the competent Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) of the validation for Academic Year 2020/2021 as provided for by art. 3 of Decreto Ministeriale, nr. 45/2013.

The start date of the Ph.D. Programmes is 1st October 2021.

NON-EU citizen students should apply for a specific study visa to enter Italy, which is issued by the Italian embassies or consulates in the Country of origin. Students are required to apply for a residence permit for study purposes within eight (8) days of arriving in Italy.

For further information, please go to: [http://www.santannapisa.it/it/internazionale/welcome-and-support](http://www.santannapisa.it/it/internazionale/welcome-and-support)

In special, justified cases, entrance of students may generally be postponed to no more than 30 days after the official Programme start date.

On the Programme start date, students should turn up with the following documents at the offices of the School:

- valid identity document;
- only for students with a qualification obtained in a NON-EU country: Declaration of equivalence (or a copy of the application for the same made to the competent authorities) or the Diploma Supplement (in case of failure to submit these documents, the Administrative Office will proceed to verify the title contacting the institution that issued it);
- receipt of payment of the regional tax for Right to University Study (DSU) of €140.00 or receipt of the application to the DSU for exemption from payment (for more information on the regional tax, please go to: [http://www.dsu.toscana.it](http://www.dsu.toscana.it))

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**Article 6**

*(Obligations of the Ph.D. student)*
Students are required to attend the teaching and research activities provided by the School within the Programmes and to fulfil the obligations provided for in the Training Activity Regulations – Book III. Students also undertake to comply with the rules in the Statute, in the Regulations and Codes of Conduct of the School.

For the protection of health and safety purposes, students shall also:
- fill in the intended occupation form;
- undergo health checks as part of the health monitoring carried out by the Medical Officer of the School;
- take part in scheduled educational and training courses.

Penalties shall be applied in case of failure to fulfil these obligations. These may include prohibition of access to the rooms of the School.

**Article 7**

*(PhD Student Status)*

1. The ESR Ph.D. student will receive an yearly gross salary:
   (Living allowance) of € 40,966,56 (including income tax and retirement pension contributions),
   Mobility allowance up to € 7,200
   Family allowance (depending on family status at date of recruitment) € 3,000
2. The ESR Ph.D. student will undertake a secondment at a beneficiary's or an associated partner's premises other than those of the beneficiary which has appointed the researcher under the project.
3. The ESR Ph.D. student will be requested to sign a full time employment contract with SSSA (Host Organisation).
4. ESR Ph.D. student can use the canteen and the other services of SSSA, according to its internal regulations.
5. The Tutor may allow the Ph.D. student to participate in study and research activities outside SSSA’s premises.
6. SSSA will cover tuition fees, access to the library and laboratories.

The Rector
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Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Silvia Giovarruscio, Head of the U.O. PhD - Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Cardinale Maffi, 27, 56127 Pisa - - e-mail: phdoffice@santannapisa.it. Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the “School”), as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, an on his behalf, the authorized internal processor is Mrs. Giovanna Bottai, giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it, Head of the UO PhD, other employees of the UO PhD office other PhD Course coordinator, and evaluation committees members will be instructed and authorized to the data processing.

Your personal data (e.g. name, surname, contact information, and all the data filled in the above forms) will be processed by the School in order to:
- Proceed this competition test
- Create the career record.

The legal basis of the data processing are the performance of a contract (article 6 sub b Reg. EU 679/2016), and public interest (art. 6 sub e) Reg. EU 679/2016).

In addition, we will automated process your personal data to pursue the above-mentioned public purposes as well as we will process your anonymized data for statistics.

It is assurred that your data will be processed in compliance with the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency, and Public Administration efficiency under the European and national legislation on the topic (Reg. EU 679/2016 and Legislative Decree 196/2003) for an unlimited period as stated in the “Massimario di conservazione” Act of the School. As data subjects, you shall have the right to obtain at any time confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning them exist, to be informed of the content and source of such data, to check their accuracy and request integration, updating or rectification, as well as to have the processing of your personal data restricted and any unlawfully processed data erased, made anonymous or blocked. You shall exercise your rights, submitting your request to the Sant’Anna School Office U.O. PhD, Via Cardinale Maffi, 27– 56127 Pisa, e-mail: phdoffice@santannapisa.it, as well as to the following e-mail address: privacy@santannapisa.it. You may also lodge a complaint to «Italian Data Protection Authority».

The Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012)

References to the legislation:
Self-certificates: Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions
People with disabilities: Italian Law no. 104/92
Occupational Safety Consolidation Act: Italian Legislative Decree no. 81/2008