CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
pursuant to art. 22 paragraph 4 letter a) of Italian Law no. 240/2010 of 30/12/2010 and the
Research Fellowships Regulation issued by Rector's Decree no.416 of 19/04/2011

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Art. 1 – Purpose
A public competition, based on qualifications and an interview, is hereby initiated at the
Department of Political and Social Science, Alma Mater Studiorum-University of Bologna to award
4 A-type research fellowships, in each of the following scientific fields:
1. Comparative Politics (area 14/A2)
2. Cultural Sociology (area 14/C2);
3. Political History and Theory (areas 11/A3, 13/C1, 14/A1, 14/B1);
4. Law and Foreign Language (areas 12/A1, 12/C1, 12/D1, 12/E1, 12/E2, 12/F1, 10/I1).
Within the above scientific areas, research projects should focus on exploring the Department
members’ research interests, illustrated in greater detail below.

1. Comparative politics
Political processes in a comparative perspective (area 14/A2): political science in its subfields
concerning comparative politics, political parties and interest groups, democratic institutions, non-
democratic regimes and transitions to democracy, the Italian political system, the political system of
the European Union, political language and communication, party and electoral competition,
legislative behaviour, regionalism and autonomy, political cultures, theoretical approaches to
domestic politics (rational choice, neo-institutionalism and others), comparative political economy.

2. Cultural sociology
Sociology of cultural and communication processes (area 14/C2): cultural, axiological,
communication and media processes; the social impact of mass media, digital media, social media
and artificial intelligence; socialization and training processes; family sociology and social policies
for the family; sociology of religion; sociology of education; gender-media relationships.

3. Political history and theory
Contemporary history, economic history, political philosophy, history of political doctrines and
institutions (areas 11/A3, 13/C1, 14/A1, 14/B1): historical analysis of political, social and cultural
phenomena which, at the national and international level, have characterized the contemporary age;
economic facts and ideas from a historical perspective; diachronic analysis of complexity;
philosophical-political analysis of doctrines, principles, symbols and communication forms in
relation to social life and political power; history of constitutional structures, state institutions and
of their internal components; analysis of relationships between states and international institutions.

4. Law and foreign language
Legal studies and Spanish and Hispanic languages, literatures and cultures (areas 12/A1, 12/C1,
12/D1, 12/E1, 12/E2, 12/F1, 10/I1); private law; constitutional law and justice; forms of state and
government; administrative law and public organizations; regional law and local autonomy; local
government; information and communication law; international law; relationships between
international actors; international human rights law; international trade law; comparative law
(including the identification and comparison of legal systems and organizations); European Union
law; relationships between EU law and member state law; immigration law; civil procedural law;
organization of justice; Spanish language; cultures and literary works in Spanish.
The research fellowships are issued pursuant to the University Regulation issued by Rector's Decree no. 416 of April 19, 2011, financed by the Department’s 2019 integrated research budget funds, resolved by the Department in its July 11, 2019 session. Candidates meeting the admission requirements listed in art. 2 below shall submit an original research project in the above-specified fields of investigation together with their application, qualifications and publications.

The activities will be performed under the supervision of a tutor identified among the research and teaching staff of the structure. The tutor will supervise the activities of the research fellow, performed in a non-subordinate relationship with no fixed working hours.

Art. 2 – Candidacy requirements

The selection procedure is open to candidates possessing a Ph.D. or equivalent qualification. Candidates must possess the admission requirements on the deadline for submission of applications laid down in this call. Candidates who do not possess the admission requirements will not be considered.

The selection is not open to any person related, by blood or by marriage up to the fourth degree, to a professor working in the Department or which the call is issued, or to the Rector, Director General or a member of the Board of Governors of the University.

The selection is also not open to anyone who has held research fellowship contracts with any institution, pursuant to Italian Law no. 240/2010, for a period which, summed to the foreseen duration of this contract, exceeds a total of 6 years, excluding any period in which the contract coincided with a Ph.D. without scholarship, for the maximum limit of the legal duration of the Ph.D. programme.

Furthermore, the selection is not open to anyone who has had research fellowship or fixed-term researcher contracts at the University of Bologna or any other state-funded, privately-funded or distance-learning Italian university pursuant to articles 22 and 24 of Italian Law no. 240/2010, or with any other body listed in paragraph 1 of Art. 22 of Italian Law no. 240/2010 for a period which, summed to the foreseen duration of this contract, exceeds a total of 12 (even non-consecutive) years. For the purposes of the duration of the above-described periods, in compliance with the laws in force, any periods of maternity or sick leave shall not be calculated.

Art. 3 – Application

Applications may only be submitted online by accessing the "FrontOffice" section of the website: https://personale.unibo.it, after completing the registration process according to the web procedure instructions. Applications must be submitted by October 31, 2019; applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

The date shown on the receipt sent electronically to the candidate is deemed to be the date of the application submission. The Department is in no way responsible for applications submitted after the above-mentioned deadline or not submitted at all.

Any communications will be sent to candidates exclusively via email, to the address provided in the application.

In the online application, candidates must follow the web procedure instructions and specify, under their own responsibility:

- surname and name;
- date and place of birth;
- nationality;
- residence and chosen address for correspondence for the purposes of this selection;
- that they have no criminal record nor are involved in any current criminal proceedings (or state
any exceptions to this condition);
• that they have the qualification required by art. 2 of the call for applications, specifying the university and year in which it was earned; or that they possess an academic qualification earned abroad acknowledged as equivalent.

Candidates with a qualification earned abroad must include in their applications a translation into Italian or English of their foreign qualification, accompanied by a sworn statement that it is a faithful translation of the original certificate. The foreign qualification may be declared admissible by the evaluation board solely for the purposes of participation in the selection procedure. In case they are award the research fellowship, candidates with a qualification earned in a country outside of the European Union must provide the Department, in the same manner as laid down for the presentation of applications, an official translation with a declaration of value of the foreign qualification issued by the competent diplomatic representation or Italian consulate in their home country, in accordance with the applicable laws, within 30 days from the notification of official approval of the selection procedure reports. If the documents are not received by the Department within the stated deadline, the candidate will not be awarded the contract.

Candidates’ applications must include an original research project which has not been developed in collaboration with others or the original drafting of which cannot be claimed by others. The project – written in English and no more than three pages long – needs to be directly connected to one of the scientific areas listed in article 1 of this call for applications and must clearly specify the pertinent scientific area. Failure to include the research project in the application entails exclusion from the selection procedure:

The project shall indicate the specific purpose and outcomes of the research, the project development timetable and, in order to pursue the stated objectives, shall be coherent with the contractual period of the research fellowship.

Candidates must also enclose the following with their applications (failure to do so entails exclusion from the selection procedure):
• a copy of a valid identity document;
• a scientific and professional curriculum vitae highlighting the candidate’s scientific productivity;
• a copy of the doctoral thesis and other (if any) scientific publications.

Candidates with certified disabilities pursuant to art. 3 of Italian Law no. 104/1992 may in their application request the benefits laid down in art. 20 of the same Law, enclosing the original or an authenticated copy of the certification regarding the specific disability issued by the competent territorial medical board. Candidates with certified disabilities are requested to contact the Department (e-mail: simona.nardini@unibo.it; tel.: +39 051 2092501/09).

Candidates are admitted to the selection procedure with reserve. At any time, even after participation in any stage of the selection procedure, the Administration may, with justification, exclude a candidate from the selection procedure. The concerned candidate will be notified of such exclusion.

**Art. 4 - Comparative assessment of the candidates and evaluation board**

The candidates and their projects will be assessed comparatively by an evaluation board appointed by the Department Board and formed by nine of the Department’s professors and researchers.

The selection procedure will focus on the examination of the selection criteria laid down in advance by the evaluation board, the submitted research project, the candidates’ scientific-professional curriculum and the scientific work and publications resulting from the documents attached to the application, as well as an interview, aiming to verify each candidates’ suitability for carrying out research.

During the interview, the Board will also verify the candidates’ knowledge of the English language on relevant topics for the field of study.

The list of candidates admitted to interview will be published on the Department of Political and Social Science’s website (http://www.dsp.unibo.it/it, “Avvisi” section) no later than November 4, 2019.
For information contact the phone number +39 051 2092501/09.

Interviews will be held on a date and in a place that will be communicated – by e-mail or certified e-mail – to admitted candidates at least 20 days before the date itself.

To be admitted for interview, the candidates must present the valid identity document, a copy of which was attached to their applications.

If this mode is accepted by the evaluation board, candidates can participate in the interview stage of the selection procedure by using a audio/video teleconference mode via Skype. Candidates must expressly request to use the teleconference mode in their applications, providing their Skype contacts and ensuring that the location from which they will hold the interview is equipped with a webcam (indispensable for identifying the candidate), a microphone and headphones / speakers. To this end, candidates admitted to the interview are invited to contact promptly the evaluation board by e-mail: sps.direttore@unibo.it.

Interviews via teleconference take place on the same day of those of other candidates present on the spot, according to the schedule established by the evaluation board and communicated to the candidates on Department’s website: http://www.dsp.unibo.it/it, "Avvisi" section. The teleconference interview is public and can be followed by the public at the premises set up for this purpose.

At the end of the selection procedure, the Board will draw up a ranking list of candidates for each of the four areas listed in Art. 1; the list will be posted in the Department’s notice board and will remain valid for 5 months.

If two candidates receive the same score, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The Department Head shall confirm in writing his approval of the list drawn up by the Board.

The list of candidates may be used to award other research fellowships within the same scientific area, which may be of shorter duration than that indicated in the call for applications but in any case for no less than one year.

Art. 5 - Duration and amount of the fellowship

The research fellowships have a duration that varies according to the scientific area in which they are awarded:

1. Comparative politics: 25 months;
2. Cultural sociology: 33 months;
3. Political history and theory: 18 months;
4. Law and foreign language: 24 months.

The fellowships may be extended in the terms laid down in article 8 of the University Regulation concerning research fellowships, as issued by D.R. no. 416 of April 19, 2011.

The gross amount of the research fellowship contract is € 19,367.00 per annum. The amount is exempt of withholding tax and includes all statutory social security charges to which research fellows are subject.

The amount will be paid in deferred monthly payments.

The research fellows are covered by accident insurance, against payment of the required contribution which will be withheld from the first monthly instalment.

Art. 6 – Contract signature

Successful candidates will be invited to sign a contract for research activities with the Department no later than January 31, 2020.

Non-compliance within the deadline notified by the Department entails forfeiture of the right to sign the contract.

Art. 7 – Rights and duties

For obligatory maternity leave, the contract is governed by the provisions of paragraph 6 art. 22 of
Italian Law no. 240/2010.
Research activities are carried out under the supervision of the tutor, in a non-subordinate relationship with no fixed working hours. The research fellow shall personally carry out the required activities laid down in the activity programme without any substitution. Except for authorized travel periods or explicit dispensation granted by the tutor, it is understood that research activities will be carried out at the Department of Political and Social Sciences. At the end of the project activities, each research fellow shall present a detailed final report to the Department Board, describing the activities carried out, the results achieved and the scientific developments, accompanied by the tutor’s assessment. The research fellow may spend a period of study abroad, according to a programme agreed with the Department and with expenses borne by the Department, without prejudice to the possibility to obtain specific funding.

Art. 8 - Regulations concerning intellectual property
Industrial property rights over the results achieved by the research fellow in the execution of research activities undertaken on behalf of the university, including but not limited to industrial inventions, models, drawings, plant varieties, as well as the intellectual and industrial property rights deriving from the production of software or databases (“Results”), belong exclusively to the university, which may freely use them also within agreements made by the departments with third parties, without prejudice to the moral rights of the research fellow who shall be acknowledged as the author or inventor. The research fellow has the right to publish the results of his/her research activities, provided that the publication does not prejudice the rights of the university over the protection of the results. If products elaborated during the fellowship are published, the research fellow must clearly acknowledge the affiliation to the Department. The research fellow therefore undertakes to promptly notify the achievement of the results to the tutor, who shall verify the existence of any such prejudice. In any case the research fellow undertakes to sign a specific Undertaking of Confidentiality with the Department, which will be annexed to the contract.

Art. 9 - Non-accumulation, incompatibility, leave
The position of research fellow is incompatible with the following positions:

a) fixed-term and full-time staff employed by the bodies listed in art. 22 par. 1 of Italian Law no. 240/2010;
b) persons employed by any private bodies, on a fixed term, permanent or part-time basis; for staff of any public administration other than those listed in letter a) refer to the provisions below;
c) persons with fixed-term research contracts with any university;
d) adjunct professors with official teaching responsibilities in degree programmes or specialisation schools in any university;
e) persons enrolled in any first-, second- or single-cycle degree programmes, Ph.D. programmes with scholarships or specialisation school. Self-funded research contracts are compatible with enrolments in non-medical specialisation schools, for which no study grant or contract is foreseen or master’s degree, only where authorised in advance by the structure Director, and having sought the opinion of the tutor.
f) persons awarded research fellowships at any other body.
Employees of public administrations other than those listed in point a) with a fixed-term, permanent or part-time contract shall take unpaid leave of absence for the whole period of the research contract.
Freelance professional activities are compatible with the research fellowship contract if authorised in advance by the Board of the Department, with the motivated opinion of the tutor and having verified that the activities in addition to the research fellowship do not prejudice the regular
execution of the contract.
The accumulation of the research fellowship contract with study grants awarded for any purpose is not permitted, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions for the purposes of integrating the research activities with study periods abroad. The above requirements must be possessed from the moment of entry into force of the contract. Winning candidates shall sign a specific affidavit undertaking to notify the department of any variations in the declared situations as soon as they occur.

**Art. 10 – Forfeiture**

Any candidate who within the deadline notified by the structure does not sign the contract, unless for promptly and duly demonstrated reasons of health or force majeure, shall forfeit the right to sign the contract.

**Art. 11 - Reference norms**

For any matters not laid down in this call for applications, refer to the Regulation on Research Fellows issued by the University of Bologna by Rectoral Decree no. 416 dated April 19, 2011 and other statutory regulations in force. The personal data provided by the candidates in their applications, pursuant to Regolamento (UE) 2016/679 and D. Lgs. 196/2003 ss.mm.ii, shall be processed for the purposes of managing the selection procedure and the contract. The selection procedure manager is the Department Head, Prof. Filippo Andreatta. For additional administrative details about this call, contact Francesco Lopriore: francesco.lopriore@unibo.it, sps.direttore@unibo.it, +39 0512092509/2092501. This call for applications will be published on the University Portal, the MIUR website and the European Mobility Portal.

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