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NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DIRECT AWARD, PURSUANT TO ART. 22 TER OF LAW NO. 240 OF 30.12.2010 AND THE RELATED UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, WITHIN THE PROGRAM "ADVANCED NANOMATERIALS TO TARGET GENOMIC AND Z-DNA FOR BACTERIAL BIOFILM ERADICATION (BactEradiX)", OF N. 1 RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT, LASTING 24 MONTHS, ENTITLED "SYNTHESIS OF DERIVATIVES BASED ON PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACIDS FOR ANTI-BACTERIAL APPLICATIONS" , GSD 03/CHEM-05 – ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, SSD CHEM-05/A – ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL, LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCES - CUP D93C24002080006

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD to the Statute of the University of Parma;

HAVING REGARD to Law no. 168 of 9 May 1989 "*Establishment of the Ministry of Universities and Scientific and Technological Research" concerning, among other things, the autonomy of universities*;

HAVING REGARD to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 on "*New rules on administrative procedure and the right of access to administrative documents*";

HAVING REGARD to Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended, on the "*Framework law for assistance, social integration and the rights of disabled people*" and, in particular, art. 20;

HAVING REGARD TO Prime Ministerial Decree no. 174 of 7 February 1994, containing rules on the access of citizens of the Member States of the European Union to jobs in public administrations;

HAVING REGARD to Law no. 68 of 12 March 1999, as amended, on "*Regulations for the right to work for the disabled*";

HAVING REGARD to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, containing the "*Consolidated Law on administrative documentation*";

HAVING REGARD to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 "*Personal Data Protection Code*", as amended by Legislative Decree no. 101 of 10 August 2018, as well as Regulation (EU) no. 2016/679 "General Regulation on the Protection of Personal Data;

HAVING REGARD to Legislative Decree no. 198 of 11 April 2006 "Code of equal opportunities between men and women";

HAVING REGARD to Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010 on "*Regulations on the organisation of universities, academic staff and recruitment, as well as delegation to the Government to encourage the quality and efficiency of the university system*";

HAVING REGARD to Ministerial Decree no. 639 of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) of 2 May 2024, concerning the determination of scientific-disciplinary groups and related declarations, as well as the rationalisation and updating of scientific-disciplinary sectors and the reduction of the latter to scientific-disciplinary groups, pursuant to art. 15 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;

HAVING REGARD to Decree-Law No. 45 of 7 April 2025 on "*Further urgent provisions on the implementation of the measures of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and for the start of the 2025/2026 school year*", converted with amendments by Law No. 79 of 5 June 2025, and, in particular, Article 1-bis amending Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, introducing articles 22-bis and 22-ter;

HAVING REGARD to the Decree of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) no. 592 of 6 August 2025, published on 10.09.2025, defining the minimum salary of post-doc and research assignments, pursuant to art. 22-bis and 22-ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;

RECALLED the resolution of the Board of Directors no. CDA/30-10-2025/389 of 30 October 2025 which, among other things, determined the remuneration for research assignments;

RECALLED the current "*Regulations for the awarding of research contracts, post-doc appointments and research assignments pursuant to articles 22, 22 bis and 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010*", issued with Rector's Decree no. 1851/2025, prot. 314523 of 7 November 2025;

RECALLED, also, the "*Regulation on the discipline of research, consultancy, teaching and higher education activities carried out by the University of Parma against contracts or agreements with third parties*", issued with Rector's Decree no. 2298/2024, prot. 264866 of 4.10.2024;

RECALLED the resolution of the Council of the Department of Chemical, Life and Environmental Sustainability Sciences, relating to the meeting of 4.12.2025, transmitted with prot. note no. 333592 of 5.12.2025, with which it was approved, pursuant to art. 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30.12.2010, the proposal for the activation of no. 1 research assignment, with a duration of 24 (twenty-four) months, entitled "*Sintintesa derivatives based on peptide nucleic acids for anti-bacterial applications*", framed in the Scientific Disciplinary Group (GDS) 03/CHEM-05 – Organic Chemistry, Scientific Disciplinary Sector (SSD) CHEM-05/A – Organic Chemistry, within the following research program:

Title	Acronym	Grant Agreement
Advanced nanomaterials to target genomic and Z-DNA for bacterial biofilm eradication	BactEradiX	101186900

admitted to funding under the call HORIZON-EIC-2024-PATHFINDEROPEN-01-01 — EIC Pathfinder Open, of the Horizon Europe program, under the scientific responsibility of Prof. Alex Manicardi, belonging to the same Department;

CONSIDERING that the above-mentioned project is to be ascribed to those financed with external resources obtained at national, international or European level on the basis of competitive tenders, for which Law 240/2010, as well as the current University Regulations issued on the subject, provide for the possibility of a direct contribution, subject to the collection of expressions of interest;

CONSIDERING that the coverage of the total cost of the research assignment, placed in the BAND IR-B, equal to € 66,614.00, financed with external resources obtained at European level, on the basis of competitive calls or by the European Innovation Council (EIC), will be borne by the accounting project "MANI_A_24_HORIZONEU_BACTERADIX_01" which has the necessary economic availability, as certified by the Department of Chemical Sciences, of Life and Environmental Sustainability;

CONSIDERED it appropriate, for the above, to proceed with the announcement of the notice aimed at collecting expressions of interest;

DECREES

- ART. 1 -

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DIRECT CONTRIBUTION PROCEDURE

A procedure is announced **for the direct assignment of n. 1 (one) research assignment, with a duration of 24 (twenty-four) months, pursuant to art. 22 ter of Law 30.12.2010 n. 240 and the related University Regulations**, aimed at introducing young scholars to research and innovation, as specified below:

TITOLO PROGRAMMA-/ TITLE OF RESEARCH PROGRAM
(ITA) Nanomateriali avanzati per colpire il DNA genomico e Z-DNA per l'eradicazione dei biofilm batterici (BactEradiX) **(ENG)** Advanced nanomaterials to target genomic and Z-DNA for bacterial biofilm eradication (BactEradiX)
DESCRIZIONE DEL PROGRAMMA DI RICERCA / DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM
(ITA) BactEradiX mira a sviluppare il primo nanomateriale antimicrobico avanzato in grado di colpire lo DNA-Z del biofilm e il DNA genomico, per eradicare il biofilm e risolvere le infezioni. La resistenza antimicrobica rappresenta una minaccia per la salute. La formazione di biofilm è una delle principali cause di fallimento terapeutico, recidiva delle infezioni e sviluppo di resistenza acquisita. BactEradiX mira a sviluppare una nanopiattaforma modulare e modulabile, concentrandosi su due ceppi batterici prioritari dell'OMS. Gli obiettivi specifici includono: (1) caratterizzazione del Z-DNA strutturale nei biofilm, (2)

progettazione di PNA mirati allo Z-DNA per (3) decorazione di nanoparticelle lipidiche per colpire e destabilizzare il biofilm, (4) progettazione e sviluppo di PNA antigenici in grado di scindere il DNA genomico e bloccare la replicazione batterica (portando a morte batterica) e (5) convalida dei nanomateriali per l'eradicazione del biofilm: funzionalità e biocompatibilità.

(ENG) BactEradiX aims to develop the first-in-class advanced antimicrobial nanomaterial to target biofilm Z-DNA and genomic DNA, to eradicate biofilm and resolve infections. Antimicrobial resistance is a threat to global health. Biofilm formation is a major cause of treatment failure, infection recurrence and acquired resistance development.
BactEradiX aims at developing a modular and tunable nanoplatform by focusing on two WHO priority bacterial strains. Specific goals include: (1) characterization of structural Z-DNA in biofilms, (2) design of Z-DNA targeting PNAs for (3) lipid nanoparticles decoration to target and destabilize the biofilm, (4) design and develop antimicrobial anti-gene PNAs able to cleave genomic DNA and block bacterial replication (leading to bacterial death), and (5) validation of nanomaterial for biofilm eradication: functionality and biocompatibility.

RESPONSABILE DELLA RICERCA / RESEARCH MANAGER

Prof. Alex Manicardi

GRUPPO SCIENTIFICO DISCIPLINARE / SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINARY GROUP

(ITA) 03/CHEM-05 Chimica Organica
(ENG) 03/CHEM-05 Organic Chemistry

SETTORE SCIENTIFICO DISCIPLINARE / SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINARY SECTOR

(ITA) CHEM-05/A Chimica Organica
(ENG) CHEM-05/A Organic Chemistry

TITOLO DELL'INCARICO OGGETTO DELLA SELEZIONE / TITLE OF THE POSITION SUBJECT TO THE SELECTION

(ITA) Sintesi derivati a base di acidi peptido nucleici per applicazioni anti-batteriche
(ENG) Synthesis of Peptide Nucleic Acid-Based Derivatives for Antibacterial Applications

TUTOR

Prof. Alex Manicardi

OBIETTIVI OGGETTO DELL'INCARICO / OBJECTIVES COVERED BY THE ASSIGNMENT

(ITA) Il progetto è focalizzato sulla sintesi e caratterizzazione di monomeri modificati di acidi peptido nucleici (PNA) e di sintoni per applicazioni di sintesi in fase solida. Le molecole realizzate verranno utilizzate per la costruzione di sonde, eventualmente presentanti funzioni reattive, a base di PNA che presentino attività anti-batteriche. Durante la realizzazione del progetto, studi di interazione, e reazione, tra le sonde ottenute e i relativi target biologici permetteranno l'ottimizzazione del design prima della loro modifica per la formulazione con sistemi di delivery.

(ENG) The project is focused on the synthesis and characterization of modified peptide nucleic acid (PNA) monomers and synthons for solid phase synthesis applications. The molecules produced will be used for the construction of PNA-based probes, eventually equipped with reactive functionalities, with antibacterial activity. During the project, interaction, and reactivity, studies between the obtained probes and the biological targets will allow design optimization before their modification for the formulation with delivery systems.

PRINCIPALI ATTIVITÀ DI ASSISTENZA ALLA RICERCA OGGETTO DELL'INCARICO / MAIN RESEARCH ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THE ASSIGNMENT

(ITA)
(1) Sintesi di monomeri e sintoni per la sintesi su fase solida
(2) Sintesi di PNA e peptidi ed ottimizzazione delle procedure per la loro realizzazione
(3) Studi di interazione e reattività con acidi nucleici

(4) Supporto alle attività di formulazione di PNA in LNPs

(ENG)
(1) Synthesis of monomers and building blocks for solid phase synthesis
(2) PNA and peptide synthesis and optimization of the reaction conditions required for their realization
(3) Interaction and reactivity studies with nucleic acids
(4) Support to PNA formulation in LNPs activities

DURATA DELL'INCARICO / DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

(ITA) 24 MESI / **(ENG)** 24 MONTHS

IMPORTO LORDO PERCIPIENTE ANNUO / GROSS ANNUAL RECEIVING AMOUNT

27.000,00 € / anno

SEDE PRINCIPALE DI SVOLGIMENTO DELLE ATTIVITÀ / MAIN PLACE OF THE ACTIVITIES

(ITA) Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche, della Vita e della Sostenibilità Ambientale – Università di Parma
(ENG) Department of Chemistry, Life Sciences and Environmental Sustainability – University of Parma

CONOSCENZE LINGUISTICHE RICHIESTE /LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED

(ITA) Lingua _Inglese – corrispondente al Livello B2 QCER
(ENG) English Language – corresponding to the Level B2 QCER

CODICE UNICO PROGETTO (CUP) / UNIQUE PROJECT CODE (CUP)

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COSTO COMPLESSIVO DELL'INCARICO DI RICERCA / TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

66.614,00 €

FONTI e/o ENTE DI FINANZIAMENTO / SOURCES and/or FUNDING BODY

European Innovation Council (EIC)

PROGETTO SU CUI IMPUTARE IL COSTO DELL'INCARICO / PROJECT TO WHICH THE COST OF THE ASSIGNMENT IS TO BE CHARGED

ACCOUNTING PROJECT	AMOUNT
MANI_A_24_HORIZONEU_BACTERADIX_01	66.614,00 €

- ART. 2 -

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Italian and/or foreign candidates who**,** on the date of expiry of the deadline for submitting applications, **meet** the following requirements can send their expression of interest:

1) Master's Degree (LM) **qualification**, obtained pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004, belonging to one of the following classes:

- **LM – 54 CHEMICAL SCIENCES**
- **LM – 13 PHARMACY & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY**

or qualification declared equivalent/equivalent pursuant to current legislation, in any case, provided that it **has been obtained for no more than 6 (six) years.**

2) **scientific-professional curriculum suitable for assisting in the performance of research activities**, which will be evaluated by the Research Manager.

The **qualification obtained abroad** must be official in the university system of reference, issued by an institution officially accredited in the country of origin, and must be recognized by the Selection Committee, in terms of nature, level and disciplinary correspondence, as equivalent to the Italian qualifications indicated above, for the sole purpose of awarding the research assignment covered by this call. In foreign university systems that provide for a single course of study that integrates the master's degree and the doctorate and that issue a unitary degree, the Selection Committee assesses the correspondence of the qualification, even if it is of a higher level.

Candidates in possession of a qualification obtained abroad can participate in the selection by opting for one of the following alternatives:

a) attaching, if already possessed, a copy of the provision of academic recognition (former equivalence), with which the foreign qualification in Italy was conferred, assimilating it on a one-off basis to the Italian qualification required by the call for applications and allowing all the uses related to it, issued by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) pursuant to art. 74 of Presidential Decree no. 382/1980 or, after 1 March 2022, by an Italian university or other Italian higher education institution pursuant to art. 38, paragraph 3.2, of Legislative Decree no. 165/2001[1];

b) attaching the following documents for the assessment of the equivalence of the foreign qualification, by nature and disciplinary correspondence, to the Italian qualification indicated above, by the Research Manager, for the sole purpose of participation in the selection procedure:

- copy of the title with translation[2] into Italian or English;
- copy of the certificate, issued by the competent University or Institution of Higher Education that awarded the qualification, certifying the exams passed (*Transcript of Record*) or copy of the *Diploma Supplement* or copy of another instrument suitable for the latter, in all cases, with translation[3] into Italian or English;
- any other document useful for the declaration of equivalence that the candidate already has.

In the case referred to in letter b), **the winner, for the purposes of entering into the private law contract, must produce the declarations, certifications and/or attestations specified in Article 8,** to which reference is made, within the terms indicated therein, under penalty of forfeiture of the relevant right.

Those who are not eligible to participate in the selection process:

a) belong to the permanent staff of universities, public research bodies and institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of 11 July 1980;

b) have a relationship of kinship or affinity, up to and including the 4th degree, with a professor belonging to the structure that proposed the activation of the position, or with the Rector, the Director General or a member of the University Board of Directors;

c) have benefited from fixed-term Researcher contracts pursuant to Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, in the version in force after the date of entry into force of Legislative Decree No. 36 of 30 April 2022, converted, with amendments, by Law No. 79 of 29 June 2022 (RTT);

d) have benefited from research assignments pursuant to art. 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, even with different institutions, for a period that, added to the duration of the assignment put out for tender, exceeds a total of 3 (three) years, even if not continuous, except for any exceptions provided for in order to implement specific European Union research funding programs under the actions related to the Marie Sklodowska-Curie (MSCA)

[1] For more information on the academic recognition procedure (*formerly equivalence*), please see: https://www.mur.gov.it/it/aree-tematiche/universita/equipollenze-equivalenza-ed-equiparazioni-tra-titoli-di-studio/titoli-0

[2] The translation can be official (by the Italian diplomatic or consular authorities of the country in which the documents were drawn up), or sworn (carried out by a translator at the competent Italian judicial authority) or simple. In the latter case, it is necessary to attach the declaration in lieu of the affidavit, art. 19 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000) with which the candidate must specify that the translation (e.g. in Italian) conforms to the original document in a foreign language attached.

[3] See previous note

program. For the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned relationships, periods spent on maternity or paternity leave or for health reasons according to current legislation are not relevant;

e) have held positions referred to in Articles 22, 22-bis, 22-ter and 24 of Law 240/2010, including with different universities, state, non-state or telematic, with institutions of Higher Education in the Arts, Music and Dance, with institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree 382/1980, and with public research institutions, for a period that, added to the duration of the assignment put out for tender, exceeds a total of 11 (eleven) years, even if not continuous. For the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned relationships, periods spent on maternity leave or for health reasons according to current legislation are not relevant;

f) are excluded from the enjoyment of civil and political rights in their country of origin or provenance (for foreign citizens or those who do not hold refugee status or subsidiary protection, the enjoyment of civil and political rights refers to the country of citizenship).

The prescribed requirements must be met on the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the expression of interest.

Candidates are admitted to the procedure subject to reservations. Exclusion for lack of requisites or for declarations made pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/2000 that are untrue may be ordered at any time, with a reasoned Decree of the Rector. The exclusion will be notified directly to the interested party.

The Administration guarantees equality and equal opportunities between men and women for access to work and treatment in the workplace.

- ART. 3 -

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, TERMS AND METHODS OF SUBMISSION

The expression of interest, together with the attachments, must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, electronically, using the dedicated IT platform "PICA", available at:

https://pica.cineca.it/unipr/2026idr006

In this regard, candidates are invited to consult the **Guidelines** for filling out the event available at the same address.

The procedure for **completing and sending the expression of interest electronically, including any documentation required, must be completed no later than 11.59 p.m. (Italian time) on the 15th (fifteenth) day, starting from the day following that of the publication of this decree on the University's online notice board.** If the deadline indicated falls on a public holiday, the deadline is extended to the first working day.

The date of electronic submission of the expression of interest will be certified by the PICA system; The receipt of the expression of interest and its subsequent registration will be notified to the candidate by means of two separate e-mail messages.

Each expression of interest will be assigned a unique identification number (application ID) and a protocol number visible within the application; for each subsequent communication, the application ID must be used together with the selection code **2026idr006.**

Other forms of sending expressions of interest or documentation useful for participation in the procedure are not allowed.

The computerized procedure for the submission of expressions of interest and attachments will be strictly deactivated at the end of the deadline and the computer system will no longer allow access to the *form,* nor the sending of the same.

In case of unavailability of the IT procedure described, the University of Parma reserves the right to communicate through its website, alternative methods for the submission of expressions of interest to participate in the procedure.

The online expression of interest must be completed in all its parts, as indicated in the procedure; The requested documents can only be attached in pdf.

Under penalty of exclusion, the expression of interest must be signed by the candidate in one of the ways specified in the guidelines.

Within the deadline of the notice, the candidate can withdraw his/her expression of interest using the PICA system; the receipt of the withdrawal of the expression of interest and its registration will be notified to the candidate by means of two separate e-mail messages. After the deadline of the notice, any waiver to participate in the procedure, signed and dated, must be promptly communicated to protocollo@unipr.it or protocollo@pec.unipr.it together with a copy of an identity document, specifying the application ID together with the notice code.

To report problems of a purely technical nature, you can contact support via the link at the bottom of the https://pica.cineca.it/unipr page.

In the expression of interest, the candidate must indicate the domicile elected for the purposes of the selection, as well as a telephone number and e-mail address for communications from the University Administration.

Any changes must be promptly communicated to this University by e-mail to the following address: concorsipta@unipr.it.

Furthermore, the Administration does not assume responsibility for the failure to receive communications, due to inaccurate indications from the competitor or from failure or late communication of the change of addresses and contact details indicated in the expression of interest, nor for any computer errors, in any case attributable to third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

After the expiry of the term of this notice, no documentary integration will be admitted.

In the expression of interest, the candidate must indicate and/or declare pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445/2000:

a) surname, first name and tax code;
b) place and date of birth;
c) Citizenship Held;
d) residence with the indication of municipality, street, house number, province and postal code and, for the purposes of communications by the University Administration in relation to this procedure, a telephone number and an e-mail address and the domicile elected for the purposes of the procedure. Any change in residence/domicile must be promptly communicated to the following address: concorsipta@unipr.it
e) if an Italian citizen, the municipality in which she is registered, or the reasons for non-registration or cancellation from the same lists;
f) if an Italian citizen or foreigner to enjoy civil and political rights also in the countries of origin or origin;
g) possession of the requirements for admission to the procedure;
h) not to belong to the tenured staff, hired on a permanent basis, of universities, public research bodies and institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of PhD pursuant to art. 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree no. 382 of 11 July 1980;
i) not to have a family or affinity relationship, up to and including the 4th degree, with a professor belonging to the Department who proposed the activation of the position, with the Rector, the Director General or a member of the Board of Directors of the University;
j) that they have not benefited from fixed-term researcher contracts referred to in Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, in the version in force after the date of entry into force of Legislative Decree No. 36 of 30 April 2022, converted, with amendments, by Law No. 79 of 29 June 2022 (RTT);
k) that they have not benefited from research assignments pursuant to art. 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, for a period that, added to the duration envisaged for the assignment referred to in this notice, exceeds a total of 3 (three) years, even if not continuous, except for any exceptions provided for in order to implement specific European Union research funding programmes under the actions linked to the Marie Sklodowska-Curie (MSCA) programme. For the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned relationships, periods spent on maternity or paternity leave or for health reasons according to current legislation are not relevant;
l) that he/she has not held positions referred to in Articles 22, 22-bis, 22-ter and 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, including with different universities, state, non-state or telematic, with institutions of Higher Education in

the Arts, Music and Dance, with institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree 382/1980, and with public research bodies, for a period that, added to the duration envisaged by the assignment referred to in this notice, exceeds a total of 11 (eleven) years, even if not continuous. For the purposes of the duration of the aforementioned relationships, periods spent on maternity or paternity leave or for health reasons according to current legislation are not relevant;

m) that they have not been convicted of any criminal offences, even if they are not final , and that they do not have any criminal proceedings in progress, in Italy or abroad; otherwise, the convictions, the proceedings against them and any criminal record must be indicated, specifying the date of the measure and the judicial authority that issued it or the one before which any criminal proceedings are pending. The existence of a previous criminal conviction is not in itself an obstacle to the stipulation of the private law contract and it will be the responsibility of the Administration to ascertain the existence of the moral and aptitude requirements to carry out the activity;

n) that what is stated in their *curriculum vitae*, attached to the application, is true.

Pursuant to art. 3 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, citizens of non-EU countries, legally residing in Italy, can use the substitute declarations only for:

– states, facts and qualities that can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies, without prejudice to the special provisions contained in the laws and regulations concerning the discipline of immigration and the condition of foreigners
– states, facts and qualities that can be certified or attested in application of international conventions between Italy and the country of origin of the declarant, indicating the Convention invoked and the act by which it was transposed into Italian law.

Apart from the above-mentioned cases, the states, personal qualities and facts are documented by certificates or attestations issued by the competent authority of the foreign State, accompanied by a translation into Italian authenticated by the Italian consular authority certifying their conformity to the original.

The University assumes no responsibility in the event of the candidate's unavailability or for the dispersion of communications due to the candidate's inaccurate indication of the address or failure or late communication of the change of address indicated in the expression of interest, nor for any postal or telegraphic errors not attributable to the Administration itself.

- ART. 4 -
ATTACHMENTS TO THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The expression of interest must be accompanied by the following attachments, in non-modifiable format (pdf):

a) ***curriculum vitae***, drawn up in the European format, in Italian or English, duly dated and signed, containing the explicit and articulated statement of the scientific and professional activity;
b) **documentation useful for the evaluation and to prove scientific-professional experience;**
c) copy of a **valid identity document** (front and back) with visible signature, even for those signed with a digital signature. Those who are citizens of a European Union country must present their passport, or an identity document issued by the country of origin. Applicants from countries outside the European Union must present only their passport;
d) any **other documentation** required upon the occurrence of any specific conditions provided for in the announcement.

- ART. 5 -
ASSESSMENT METHODS

The evaluation of expressions of interest is carried out by the Research Manager and may be supplemented by any in-depth studies with all or part of the candidates, useful for ascertaining the aptitude and suitability to carry out the research activity covered by the assignment.

Following the evaluation, the Research Manager identifies the candidates suitable to carry out the planned activities, formulating an overall judgment for each of them. For the assignment of the position, it selects, among the candidates judged suitable, the candidate considered most qualified to carry out the planned activity, adequately justifying the choice.

The judgments expressed, the reasons for the choices made and the merit ranking of the unselected suitable candidates are included in a special report.

The Research Manager must not be in one of the conditions provided for by art. 51 c.p.c. with reference to candidates. To this end, he must produce a specific declaration pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000.

- ART. 7 -

APPROVAL OF ACTS OF THE DIRECT ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

The acts of the direct award procedure are approved by Rector's Decree, including the name of the selected candidate and the merit ranking of the unselected eligible candidates, published on the *online Register* and on the website of the University of Parma in the section dedicated to the procedure, which can be reached by connecting to the address https://www.unipr.it/bandi-incarichi-di-ricerca. The deadline for any appeals runs from the day of publication of this decree.

The ranking list remains in force for 12 (twelve) months, starting from the date of approval of the acts, without prejudice to compliance with all the requirements for activating the research assignment. No declarations of eligibility for selection will be made.

In the event of renunciation or forfeiture due to non-acceptance within the deadline set by the Administration, the search assignment may be assigned to another candidate who has been found suitable according to the order of the respective ranking. The scrolling of the ranking, in this case, is ordered by Decree of the Rector.

During the validity of the ranking list, in the presence of further justified needs relating to the performance of the same research project, the Department Council may propose to the Rector the assignment of additional research assignments to candidates duly placed in the ranking list, provided that the availability of the relevant financial coverage has been ascertained.

- ART. 8 -

ASSIGNMENT OF THE RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

The assignment of the research assignment takes place through the stipulation of a fixed-term private law contract, with a duration of 24 (twenty-four) months, containing the rights and duties of the parties, to be signed within the term set by the University.

The private law contract is signed by the person declared "winner" or "winner" and by the Rector.

When concluding the private law contract, the interested party is invited to submit the documentation required under current legislation. Failure to deliver or incomplete delivery or failure to regularise it, within the prescribed period, will result in the forfeiture of the right to the assignment.

Citizens of non-European Union countries, in order to sign the private law contract, must certify the regularity of their position inherent to their stay in Italy, pursuant to the current provisions on immigration (Legislative Decree 286/1998).

In the case of a qualification obtained abroad, in order to sign the private law contract, the winner must provide, within a maximum of 90 days from the date of issuance of the Rector's Decree approving the acts, a certified copy of the [4]original, pursuant to Article 18 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, of the following documents, under penalty of forfeiture of the right to enter into the private law contract:

[4] Aphotocopy of the original document authenticated by the Italian diplomatic representations in the foreign country of origin of the document authenticated pursuant to Article 18 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

1) Declaration of value on site issued by the Italian diplomatic representations (embassies/consulates) present in the country of issue, including, where applicable, apostille/legalization [5] or Certificate of verification issued by CIMEA, Italian center ENIC-NARIC;

2) Certificate of comparability, issued by CIMEA, the Italian centre for ENIC-NARIC, or, for countries that have signed the Lisbon Convention, the ARDI Statement of comparability that can be downloaded automatically and free of charge from the relevant database; the level of the qualification must correspond to at least level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework – EQF;

3) Certificate issued by the competent University or Institution of Higher Education that awarded the qualification, attesting to the exams passed (*Transcript of Record*), including apostille/legalization, where applicable, and translation[6] into Italian or English

   or *Diploma Supplement*, including apostille/legalization, where applicable, and translation into Italian or English, also issued by the University or Higher Education Institution, in the case of qualifications obtained in a country belonging to the European Higher Education Area (EEES), which includes EU countries and other countries of the so-called European Higher Education Area. Bologna Process, as well as by countries adhering to European standards

   or another instrument similar to Diploma Supplement (*es. Higher Educationale Achievemente Report (HERA), Tertiary Educcation Qualification Statement (TEQS), ecc.*), including apostille/legalization, where applicable, and translation into Italian or English.

Those who, within the deadline set by the University, do not declare that they accept it or do not sign the relevant private law contract forfeit the right to the conferral of the research assignment.

The holding of research assignments does not in any way constitute an employment relationship and does not confer any right to access the role of universities, public research bodies and institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the title of PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree no. 382 of 11 July 1980, nor can it be taken into account for the purposes of Article 20 of Legislative Decree no. 75 of 25 May 2017.

- ART. 9 -

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE HOLDER OF A RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

The holder of the research assignment carries out the research assistance activities in conditions of autonomy and without preordained working hours, within the limits of the research program and the indications provided by the Tutor, under whose supervision he/she is placed.

The holder of a research assignment is required to:

– submit, normally every six months and, in any case, at the end of the report, to the Department Council a detailed report on the activity carried out, endorsed by the Tutor;
– comply with the rules of protection and safety in the workplace, including in the health field, in force at the University;
– observe and comply with all the provisions of the University Code of Ethics, the Code of Conduct for public employees adopted by Presidential Decree no. 62 of 16 April 2013 and the University Code of Conduct;
– observe the provisions contained in the private law contract stipulated at the time of the assignment itself.

The violation by the holder of the assignment of the obligations deriving from the Code of Conduct for public employees may result in the termination of the private law contract and the consequent termination of the research assignment.

[5] For information on legalization, please refer to the website of the Ministry of University and Research

[6] The translation can be official (by the Italian diplomatic or consular authorities of the country in which the documents were drawn up), or sworn (carried out by a translator at the competent Italian judicial authority) or simple. In the latter case, it is necessary to attach the declaration in lieu of the affidavit art. 19 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000) with which the candidate must specify that the translation (e.g. in Italian) conforms to the original document in a foreign language attached.

The activity of the holder of the assignment is carried out at the headquarters of the structure concerned, without prejudice to the missions or off-site activities envisaged by the research project and/or those previously authorized by the reference tutor, the Research Manager and approved by the Council of the structure itself.

The University provides the holder of the assignment with the necessary support for the realization of the activity covered by the assignment, guaranteeing access to the premises, equipment and the use of technical-administrative services, compatibly with its organization, with the needs and with the resources available for the specific research program.

The suspension of the activities covered by the research assignment is possible in the cases indicated by the "Regulations for the awarding of research contracts, post-doc assignments and research assignments pursuant to articles 22, 22 bis and 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010", to which reference is made.

- ART. 10 -

INCOMPATIBILITY

The research assignment is not compatible with:

a) attendance of bachelor's, master's or master's degree courses, research doctorates or specializations in the medical area, in Italy or abroad, without prejudice to the possibility of implementing specific European Union research funding programs as part of the actions related to the Marie Sklodowska-Curie (MSCA) program;

b) the holder of PhD scholarships or other scholarships, for any reason, conferred by national or foreign institutions, except in the case where these are aimed at international mobility for research reasons;

c) the ownership, also at other universities or public research institutions, of a research grant, of a research contract awarded pursuant to art. 22 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, of post-doc assignment conferred pursuant to art. 22 bis of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, as well as a fixed-term Researcher contract pursuant to art. 24 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;

d) any other employment relationship, including part-time or fixed-term, with public and private entities.

- ART. 11 -

ECONOMIC, FISCAL, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE TREATMENT

The holder of the research assignment shall be paid, for the entire duration of the private law contract, the gross annual amount indicated in Article 1 of this notice, determined in relation to the commitment required and the complexity of the activities to be carried out. The amount is attributed to the holder of the office in monthly installments of the same amount.

In tax matters, the provisions of art. 4 of Law no. 476 of 13.08.1984 and subsequent amendments and additions. (Assignments exempt from IRPEF).

In the field of social security, the provisions of art. 2, paragraphs 26 et seq. of Law no. 335 of 08.08.1995 and subsequent amendments and additions. The holder of the research assignment is responsible for registering with the INPS separate management.

With regard to compulsory maternity leave, the provisions of the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of 23 October 2007, apply. During the period of compulsory maternity leave, the allowance paid by INPS, pursuant to Article 5 of the aforementioned Decree of 12 July 2007, is supplemented by the University or by the funding body up to the full amount of the research assignment.

With regard to sick leave, Article 1, paragraph 788, of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 applies.

The University provides insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability towards third parties in the performance of research activities.

- ART. 12 -

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7.08.1990 and subsequent amendments and additions:

Responsible administration	University of Parma
Subject-matter of the proceedings	Procedure for the direct assignment of research assignments pursuant to art. 22 ter of Law 240/2010 and the related University Regulations
Office, digital domicile and Responsible for the procedure	Personnel and Organization Area / U.O. Reclutamento PEC: protocollo@pec.unipr.it Avv. Anna Maria Perta
How to view the documents and exercise the rights provided for by Law 241/1990 and subsequent amendments.	To exercise the right of access to procedural documents, a request must be sent to the University protocol using the form available on the website (link: https://www.unipr.it/node/12548)

- ART. 13 -

PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The personal data of the candidates, communicated to the University of Parma, will be processed, in paper or electronic form, for the sole purposes inherent in carrying out the selection and managing any assignment, in compliance with the provisions in force. Candidates are invited to read the specific information provided, pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation, published on the University website.

- ART. 14 -

SAFEGUARD OR POSTPONEMENT RULES

This notice constitutes the "*lex specialis*" of the direct contribution procedure and participation in it implicitly implies the acceptance, without reservation, of all the provisions contained therein.

For all matters not covered by this notice, please refer to the "*Regulations for the awarding of research contracts, post-doc appointments and research assignments pursuant to articles 22, 22 bis and 22 ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010*", cited in the introduction, as well as to the regulations in force in the matters covered.

The University of Parma will carry out checks on the veracity of the substitute declarations made for the winner and, if necessary, suitable candidates, pursuant to art. 71 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000. Should the check reveal the untruthfulness of the content of the declaration, the declarant will forfeit the benefits obtained on the basis of the untruthful declaration and, if necessary, the termination of the private law contract stipulated will be determined, without prejudice to the provisions of art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 on criminal sanctions.

The University reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend or reopen the terms of this notice, to make any changes or additions that may be necessary, as well as to revoke or suspend it for reasons of public interest.

An extraordinary appeal to the Head of State may be lodged against this measure within 120 days from the date of publication, or, in judicial proceedings, an appeal to the Regional Administrative Court, within 60 days from the same date.

- ART. 15 -

INFORMATION

For any information, interested parties can contact the Organizational Unit (O.U.) Recruitment, Via Università 12, 43121 Parma – Telephone numbers: 0521.034382 / 0521.034386 / 0521.034108 - E-mail address: concorsipta@unipr.it

The staff in charge receives the public by appointment only and answers phone calls from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 11:00.

This notice, drawn up in Italian and English, will be made public by means of:

- ✓ publication on the recruitment portal InPA - Department of Public Administration;
- ✓ publication on the website of the MUR – European Union, at https://bandi.mur.gov.it/;

- ✓ publication on the online Register and on the website of this University at https://www.unipr.it/bandi-incarichi-di-ricerca

Unless otherwise specified, communications to candidates will be provided only by publication of the same on the University website, in the section dedicated to the procedure, which can be reached at the address indicated above. Such publications will be deemed to be notification to all intents and purposes. Candidates, in order to acquire all the necessary information, are therefore required, for the entire duration of the procedure, to consult the University's institutional website.

Prof. Paolo Martelli

Digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 82/2005

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