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Call for the Selection of two Early Stage Researcher (ESR) Collaboration contracts for the project “NR-NET”-Control of metabolic and inflammatory pathways by nuclear receptors- PITN-GA-2013-606806- duration thirty months reserved to researchers holding a master degree title.

THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT

CONSIDERING the Statute of the University of Bari “Aldo Moro”, approved by Rector Decree N.2959 of 14.06.2012;

GIVEN art.51, paragraph 6 of L. 449/97;

GIVEN the University General Regulations issued by DR2884 of 05.04.2000;

GIVEN art.7, paragraph 6 and 37, paragraph I, of L. 165 of 30.03.2001;

CONSIDERING the Regulation for the assignments of contracts of self-employment, of occasional or continuous and coordinated collaboration, delivered by DR1653 of 05.03.2010 and s.m.i.

DECREES

Article 1

Contract of collaboration

A public selection is being held for the stipulation of two Collaboration contracts- with collaborators holding a master degree in Biology/Biotechnology/Medicine or similar degree-in the framework of the Programme PEOPLE Marie Curie Initial training Networks (ITN), research project “NR-NET”-Control of metabolic and inflammatory pathways by nuclear receptors- PITN-GA-2013-606806.

Position:

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER (ESR).

The whole budget required to finance the contract will be entirely charged on the above mentioned project funds, whose scientific coordinator is Prof. Antonio Moschetta.

Object of collaboration:

The objective of the collaboration is to unravel the role of the protein peroxisome proliferator-activated

receptor gamma co-activator 1-beta (PGC-1beta) in lipid metabolism and mitochondria with relevance to chronic diseases of the gut/liver axis including steato-hepatitis, colitis and colon cancer. In detail, the collaboration will focus on the generation and characterization of hepatic and intestinal specific PGC-1beta "gain" and "loss-of-function" animal models. The collaborators will be devoted to the study of the therapeutic potential of the modulation of PGC-1beta expression in steato-hepatitis development taking advantage of established experimental procedures such as the use of dietary challenge based on administration of high fat and methionine/choline deficient diets. Moreover, the collaborators will study the role of the co-activator PGC-1beta in intestinal epithelium homeostasis and will evaluate the oncogenic or onco-suppressive potential of the modulation of PGC-1beta expression by using procedures to induce colitis and intestinal tumorigenesis. The present collaboration requires generation and maintenance of laboratory animals (mice), administration of nutrients and carcinogenic agents, employment of molecular biology technique to develop gene expression maps along with histology and immunohistochemistry.

Article 2

Duration of the contracts

The contract will last for thirty months. The activities object of the contract will be carried out at the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM). If at the contract starting time the remaining duration of the project is less than month thirty, the duration of the partnership will be reduced to the residual duration of the project. In this case the total remuneration referred to Art. 4 will be recalculated in proportion to the duration of the contract.

Article 3

Head of the call

The Head of the call for selection of Early-Stage Researcher contract is the Director of the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM), Prof. Giovanni Lapadula.

Article 4

Total salary

Following the guidelines of FP7 'People' Work Programme 2013 (European Commission C (2012) 4561 of 9 July 2012) the researcher will be provided with the following gross amounts (comprehensive of deductions and fees charged by the law to the collaborator): "Living and mobility allowance" for a minimum of € 101.270 to a maximum of € 128.453. The exact amount for the "monthly mobility allowance" will be calculated depending on the status of the researcher's family at the date of the starting of the call. The remuneration will be regulated under Article 9 of the Regulation for the assignments of contracts of self-



employment, quoted in the introduction.

Article 5

Tax treatment, social security and insurance

The contract is subjected to the existing national provisions on taxation, social security and insurance. In particular, the employee will be obliged to enrolment to the “gestione separata” INPS (Istituto Nazionale per la Previdenza Sociale) for the activities of coordinated and continuous collaboration.

Article 6

Requirements for participation to the competition

Candidates wishing to apply for the selection must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) Italian and not Italian citizenship;
- 2) must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organization for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the date of contract starting. Short visits or holidays are not considered;
- 3) hold a master degree in Biology/biotechnology/Medicine or similar degree;
- 4) have a good knowledge of English;
- 5) not have more than four years of documented research experience between the date of the degree and the start of the contract;
- 6) not yet have been awarded a doctoral degree.

The requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 must be owned at the date of expiry of the deadline for submission of application form, while the requirements of paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 shall be met at the date of commencement of contract, which should be approximately on January 2015.

Candidates are allowed to participate with standing reserve to be excluded from the competition. For justified reasons, the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) may, at any time, order the exclusion of the applicant for lack of requirements listed in Article. 6. In this case, the discrepancies discovered respect to the declarations stated in the application form will be reported to the Judicial Authority.



Article 7
Application and deadline

The application for the selection procedure has to be drafted on an unstamped paper by filling the attached Annex A, the form must be filled in all entries and must contain all the documents mentioned in the Art. 8. The application shall be sent by email within a single PDF file named “applicant surname.PDF” to the following email addresses: francesca.vadacca@uniba.it ; antonio.moschetta@uniba.it . The deadline for receiving the application is December 29,2014 at 12 PM local time.

The application form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of exclusion from the selective procedure. Any application lacking of the duly filled-in ANNEX A will be disregarded.

For Italian citizens the application form must be filled in Italian

For non-Italian citizens, the application form must be written in English.

Candidate shall declare, under its responsibility, under penalty of exclusion from the competition:

- a) full name;
- b) date and place of birth;
- c) the possession of Italian or non-Italian citizenship (please specify the country of origin);
- d) the possession of civil and political rights in the country of provenance, or otherwise the reasons for not having them;
- e) to have no criminal convictions and have no pending criminal proceedings. Otherwise, indicate the sentences passed, the date of the sentence and the court that issued it;
- f) not being dismissed or retired from government;
- g) the position with respect to any military service;
- h) to possess the qualifications required under Article.6 point 3, the date of attainment of that degree, the University /Institute where it has been achieved, and the obtained score;
- i) to be employed or not to be employed in a public administration;



j) to be in physical conditions for carrying out the collaboration. According to the law No 104, 5 February 1992 104, candidates with disabilities must explicitly request in relation to their handicap, any aids needed to sustain a possible interview if needed;

k) to indicate a Scientific Referee to be contacted at the discretion of the Examination Board.

l) to have or not have access to videoconference facilities (such as skype or messenger) in order to perform video conference interview, if needed;

m) the residence and the address, full postcode, to which the applicant wishes to receive any further notice about the application. Any change of address or contact details in the application must be immediately communicated to the Secretary (francesca.vadacca@uniba.it) of the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM).

n) to be aware of the trust fullness of the application and be aware of the penalties under Article 26 of Law No 4 January 1968 15, in case of making false statements.

The Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) is not responsible for the loss of communications due to incorrect address details of the candidates or failure or late notification of change of address indicated in the application, nor for any postal or telegraph or attributable to the third, accident or force majeure.

Article 8

The application documentation

Applicant must attach to the application (completed by filling Annex A in all entries), in original or copy:

- A certificate of the master degree qualification as required under Article. 6 paragraph 3;
- A curriculum vitae signed by the applicant;
- A signed copy of a valid Identification Document (i.e. passport);
- Reference letters;
- Copy of all additional qualifications/titles/documents referring to the documented research activity and experience relevant for the selection process

The aforementioned attached documents have to be written in Italian or English.

Article 9

Examination Board



The Examination Board will be appointed by the Chair of the Department, in compliance with current provisions. The board will prepare a report containing the evaluation criteria and the assessment score for each candidate as well as a ranking list of the applicants in order of merit.

Article 10

Scores

The assessment of the qualifications/titles will be made by the Examination Board on a maximum score of 50.

Article 11

Methods and criteria of selection

The Examination Board, before proceeding with the assessment of applicants, will define the evaluation criteria by establishing the distribution of scores among the different qualification categories taken into account. The following evaluation criteria will be considered:

- up to a maximum of 20 points for each documented research experience in the field of activity being covered by the contract;
- up to a maximum of 20 points for scientific publications related to activities under the contract;
- up to a maximum of 10 points for further academic qualifications than those required for participation.

A minimum score of 35/50 is required to pass the assessment process. At the end of the evaluation the Board will prepare a merit-based ranking list.

Article 12

Approval of the list and declaration of the winner

The merit-based list is made according to the descending order of scores attributed by the Examination Board to the titles presented by each candidate. In the case of candidates with the same score in the first and second classification position, the Examination Board reserves the right to call the candidates for interview, even by videoconferencing, in order to assess the attitudinal characteristics and knowledge of English and on the basis of this interview will select the winner. The merit-based list will be used in case of waiver of the winner or in the case of forfeiture of the right of conferral. The contract, in this case, will be stipulated with the candidate placed after the winner. All results have to be published before the stipulation of the contract by notice on "Albo Pretorio" of the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine and on the website of the Department (<http://www.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/dim/bandi>).



Article 13
Data processing

Personal data provided by applicants will be processed by the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) under the law n.675 of December 31, and subsequent amendments, for the purposes of administrative procedures related to the present competition.

Article 14
Stipulation of the contract

The winner of the competition will be invited to self-certify:

- 1) Personal fiscal code (social security number), VAT registration (if any) and any data in the archives of the tax office;
- 2) do not have any relationship of employment in the public administration;
- 3) not have any other self-employment contract with the University of Bari "Aldo Moro";

If the winner of the competition is already employed in a public administration he/she should provide documentation showing the placement on unpaid leave for the duration of the contract or specific authorization from the related public administration to carry out the contract activity. Within start date of the contract, the winner of the competition must submit to the Department of Interdisciplinary (DIM) official certification of academic qualifications held. If the winner doesn't declare to accept the contract within the time established by the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM), all his/her rights towards the contract cease. Only delays due to serious health reasons or to force majeure duly substantiated may be accepted. The duration of the contract is of 30 months from the date of notification of the success of the preventive control of legitimacy 'of the Court of Auditors pursuant to Legislative Decree No.78/2009 converted with amendments into Law 102/2009. If the winner starts the collaboration, for good reason, late respect to the fixed starting date, the salary will have effect from the effective starting date of the activities.

Article 15
Termination and notice

The employee can interrupt the collaboration contract at any time upon notice of sixty days. In this case, the compensation due the employee will be recalculated in proportion to the activity actually carried out. If no notice is given, the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) has the right to withhold an amount equal to the rate of compensation for the period of notice not given. This amount will be reduced at the

discretion of the Council of the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM), if the termination occurs for a good or justifiable reason.

Article 16

Termination of employment

In case of serious breach of contractual obligations, the contract may cease as decided by the Council of Department upon indication of the Project Leader as well as upon hearing the employee. The contract can also be terminated by the Department, upon a notice equal to 5% of the contract duration, in case of completion of the project or research program or the interruption of the same, due to causes external to University Administration.

Article 17

Advertising

The present call is published on the website (<http://www.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/dim/bandi>) of the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) for a period of not less than 18 days as well as on the European Commission "EURAXESS" website and on "NR-NET" project website.

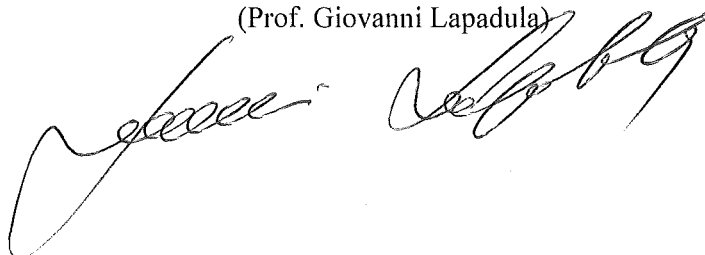
Article 18

Final rules

Anything not included in this call is subject to the laws and statutes, as well as to all is established by the Regulations for Administration, Finance and Accounting of this University.

THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT

(Prof. Giovanni Lapadula)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Giovanni Lapadula', written over a horizontal line.

ANNEX A

(for non-Italian citizens)

Self-certification

To the Director of the
Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine
Piazza Giulio Cesare 11
70124 – Policlinico di Bari

The undersigned,..... , place of birth.....date of birth....., residing at
(city, State).....,street , No...;

REQUEST

to be admitted to participate in the competition for a Collaboration contract (specify the contract for which you intend to participate and their professional profile) concerning:

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For this purpose, under my responsibility

DECLARE

- A) Nationality (please specify the country of origin)
- B) Marital status
- C) Number of dependents (family members)
- D) Possession of civil and political rights in the country of provenance;
or otherwise the reasons for not having them.....
- E) to have no prior criminal convictions and have no pending criminal proceedings;
or to have suffered the following convictions:.....
and have the following criminal proceedings:.....
- F) not dismissed / released / to the employment in the public administration;
- G) that its position with regard to military service is as follows.....;
- H) to hold the master degree qualification in..... , conferred on.....at (indicate the institution issuing the qualification)..... with the following score.....;

- I) not be employed or to be employed in public administration at the following office.....;
- J) had no other self-employment with the University of Bari “Aldo Moro”;
- K) to be physically able to perform the collaboration (applicants with disabilities, under Law No.104 February 5, 1992, must explicitly request in relation to their handicap, any aids needed to sustain a possible interview, if needed);
- L) that the precise address where all the notices relating to this call have to be sent is as follows: (in the absence of declaration will be considered the residence) street....., No. Zip code.....; city...., State.....;
- M) to indicate as Scientific Referee to be contacted at the discretion of the Examination Board (mandatory field):
 - Dr / Prof
 - Institution
 - Position
 - Street, City, ZIP code, State
 - Telephone number
 - E-mail
- N) to have or not have access to videoconference facilities (such as skype or messenger) in order to perform video conference interview, if needed;
- O) to be aware of the trustfulness of this application and be aware of the penalties under Article. Law 26 of January 4, 1968, No 15 in case of misrepresentation.
- P)

For documentation to be submitted, see Art. 7 of Invitation to selection.

(Date)

(signature)

NOTE: For any information on procedural requirements for submitting applications you can contact the Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine (DIM) at the following number: 0039/080/5478036 (10 AM-2PM) or send an e-mail to francesca.vadacca@uniba.it.

