

COMPETITION FOR ONE “GIANESINI FUND” RESEARCH GRANT IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

1th Edition – year 2016

1. General Rules

Università di Verona - Department of Economics and UniCredit Foundation, in cooperation with UniCredit & Universities Foscolo Foundation, are announcing a **competition for one 1-year research grant for research projects in the fields of ECONOMICS and FINANCE**. The competition is open to young researchers of any nationality employed at any European universities.

2. Details of the grants

This grant worth **€15,000** (gross of taxes) and shall be awarded for a duration of one year. This grant shall be directly paid out to the research winner by UniCredit Foundation. The Amount includes contribution in order to cover travel and accommodation expenses during the visiting period (see point 8.2).

3. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must:

1. be **assistant professors**, or **associate professors**, or **employed in an equivalent position at any European universities**. Nationality is not relevant as an eligibility requirement;
2. be **born after 1980** when applying (while for women the year of birth may be increased by one year per child);
3. have a **PhD in ECONOMICS or FINANCE**;
4. present a **research project not yet financed** with funds generating income increase.

The topic of research must be in the fields of ECONOMICS or FINANCE.

The grant is considered commencing from September 2016 and can last maximum one year.

4. How to apply

Candidates may only apply online using the application form available on the Foundation's website at www.unicreditanduniversities.eu.

In the application each candidate **must indicate**:

- her/his first name, surname, nationality, date and place of birth;
- her/his mailing address, including post code, as well as telephone number and e-mail address;
- a short description of the research project;
- that she/he has never been convicted of any crimes and that she/he has never been held in preventive detention or under house arrest;
- that there are no criminal proceedings pending against her/him;
- that she/he authorizes the Foundation to process her/his personal details, pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003.

Applications **must be accompanied by the following documents**. Failure to do so may result in the exclusion from the competition:

- Curriculum Vitae;
- one copy of a currently valid identification document;
- at least two letters of reference written by international experts in the research field of the submitted project. Letters must be sent separately via e-mail by the experts to the Foundation address (see contacts below);
- research project (max 5 pages);
- implications of the project on candidate's university and cooperation with other universities, explaining how the project could contribute to improve international cooperation and increase the reputation of the candidate's university in the scientific community (max 1 page);
- indication of expected submissions of the research to international conferences.

5. Application deadline

Candidates' applications, complete with the accompanying documentation, must be delivered by internet no later than June 30, 2016, following the procedure indicated in the aforementioned internet site. When this deadline is reached, the online application procedure will be disabled.

As soon as the procedure is considered completed, the candidate will receive a confirmation message to her/his e-mail address confirming the full acceptance of her/his application.

6. Scientific Commission

The Scientific Commission will be responsible for the selection procedure and will identify the winner of the grant.

The Scientific Commission is composed by one member indicated by the University of Verona and by two members indicated by UniCredit Foundation and selected among academic experts in economics and finance. In assessing candidates, the Scientific Commission will take into account their academic curriculum, research project, academic and research track record, referee reports.

The Scientific Commission may invite candidates for an interview or seminar before selecting the winners.

7. Awarding date

The grant will be awarded **by the end of July 2016** by the University of Verona Head of Economics Department on the basis of the final decision expressed by the Scientific Commission as provided for under Art. 6.

8. Requirements for receipt of the grant

Grant shall be awarded for a maximum duration of one year.

The grant holder is obliged to:

1. report to the Head of Economics Department on the progress of her/his research by the end of the first six month of the research period;
2. spend a period of at least one week running the academic activity as "visiting" at the Department of Economics at the University of Verona (see point 2);
3. submit a final paper to the Head of Economics Department by the end of the research year;
4. present the main findings of her/his research during a seminar/workshop organized by the University of Verona, to be held at the University of Verona;
5. the winner will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony, that will be held in Verona in December 2016.

A determination of non-possession of one or more requirements implies revocation of the grant.

9. Method of payment

The grant is paid in two installments: the first installment (€ 7,500 gross of taxes) in advance, at the beginning of the research period, by the end of September 2016; the second installment (€7,500 gross of taxes) at the beginning of the second half-year of research (by the end of March 2017) subject to the Head of Economics Department approval, after the evaluation of the mid-term report (see art. 8 of this announcement).

10. Acceptance of all the conditions of the regulations

Participation to the competition implies unconditional acceptance of the entire contents of these regulations.

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