SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 1 TEMPORARY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION
(“Assegno di Ricerca”)
Cat. B type II - SSD BIO/16
(Responsible Scientist: Prof. Eugenio Gaudio) – Code 2)

THE DIRECTOR

Given Law n. 168, of 9.5.1989;
Given the University Statute;
Given art. 22 of Law n. 240, dated 30th December 2010;
Given the regulations for assigning temporary research associate positions (“assegni di ricerca”) laid down in D.R. n. 896, dated 28th March 2011;
Given the decision of the Department Council of the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences, dated 18.11.2011.
Given the resolutions of the Academic Senate and Board of Directors, dated 12th April 2011 and 19th April 2011 respectively;

ANNOUNCES

Art. 1 - Number of Temporary Research Associate Positions - “Assegni di Ricerca”

There will be a public selection procedure assessed by qualifications and interview, for the assignment of 1 temporary research associate position (“assegno di ricerca”) at the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences – Sapienza - University of Rome.

Category of “Assegno di Ricerca”: B type II – financed by FIRB 2010 – Prof. Eugenio Gaudio.

SSD BIO/16

Title of research: “Role of the Brain Derivated Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) in the regulation of proliferation and transdifferentiation through neuroendocrine pathway of liver progenitor cells and cholangiocytes: studies in vivo and in vitro”.

Responsible Scientist: Prof. Eugenio Gaudio
Art. 2 - Duration/renewal of the temporary research associate position – “assegno di ricerca” and salary

The position will cover a period of 12 months and can be renewed with the same subject, as stated in art. 22, para. 3 of Law 240/2010. The total duration of the collaboration, according with art. 22, para. 3 of Law 240/2010, may not be more than four years, including any renewals, with the exception of the period in which the salary was received in connection with the PhD, in the limit of the legal duration of the course. The gross salary is € 19,367,00. The sum will be paid in monthly instalments. The payments are fiscally subject to the conditions of art. 4 of Law 476/1984 and subsequent modifications and integrations, as well as to art. 2 para. 26 and following of Law 335/1995 and subsequent modifications. Regarding mandatory maternity leave, the conditions of Ministry of Labour Decree dated 12/07/2007 – G.U. n.247 of 23/10/2007 will be applied. Sick leave will be governed by art.1, para. 788 of Law 296/2006 and successive modifications. During any period of mandatory maternity leave, the amount paid by INPS according to art. 5 of the above-mentioned decree of 12/7/2007 will be integrated by the University up to, and not over, the total amount of the contract. The Department guarantees equal rights and opportunities for male and female candidates in the assignment of this temporary research associate position, and privacy of personal data in accordance with the rules.

Art. 3 - General Requirements

The following candidates can take part in the selection for the research funding described in art. 1:

- those who have a PhD degree in medical/scientific disciplines and Degree in Medicine and Surgery or equivalent titles acquired abroad in possession of a scientific-professional CV appropriate to the research activity required, with the exclusion of permanent members of staff referred to in art. 22, para. 1 of Law 240/2010. Non-Italian citizens of the EU must hold a qualification recognised as equipollent on the basis of international agreements, or as described in art. 332 of the “Testo Unico” dated 31/8/1993, n. 1592. This equipollence should be shown by suitable certification issued by the competent authorities. These requisites should be in possession of the candidate by the expiry of the term established for the presentation of applications.

Applications cannot be accepted from relatives of any Professor of the Department (up to 4\textsuperscript{th} degree included) or of the Rector, General Director, or any member of the Administrative Council of the University.

Art. 4 - Application and deadlines

The application form to this selection procedure, dated and signed by the candidate, prepared on plain paper, according to the form attached (Annex A) should be sent, electronically, to the following address: pina.trecina@uniroma1.it, penalty of exclusion from the competition, within a deadline of 30 days from the day following the publication of the present call notice on the websites of the Sapienza University, the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences, the MIUR (Ministry of University and Research) and the European Union.
The Administration will not take any responsibility in the case of the candidate not being found at the correspondence address or for lost mail due to inexact addresses. Likewise, the Administration will not be responsible for late or lost mail due to changes of address, for mail or communications lost due to postal/internet errors that are not the fault of the Administration itself, neither will it be responsible for lost acknowledgements of receipt, or lost documents or communications regarding the selection itself.

Applicants must state, at their own liability according to art. 46 of D.P.R. 445/2000, the following information. Failure to do so will mean exclusion from the selection.

a. name and surname;
b. date and place of birth;
c. citizenship;
d. Master degree with grades, as well as the date and the University at which the degree was gained;
e. PhD degree, as well as the date and the University at which it was gained;
f. equipollence of the titles, if gained abroad;
g. a declaration that the candidate is not the beneficiary of other fellowships or that the candidate is willing to give up any such funding if given this temporary research associate position;
h. a declaration that the candidate does not have a criminal record or any criminal prosecution currently in progress; if there is a criminal record or prosecution in progress, then the candidate must report this, as well as the date of any sentence passed and the legal authority that passed it;
i. the correspondence address to be used for the selection, specifying the post-code, and one or more telephone numbers, a personal e-mail address to which all communications can be sent, including the invitation to the interview, without any further obligation of notification.

Disabled candidates, according to Law n. 104, dated 5/2/1992, should make a specific request for any assistance needed in order to take part in the interview.

The application must also be accompanied by a detailed breakdown (Appendix B) of any previous PhD fellowships and/or “assegno di ricerca” assignements, with particular attention given to the months/years accounted for and the place of the activity. Candidates who do not provide this breakdown will be excluded.

**Art. 5 - Qualifications and CV**

In the application, candidates must include, even as photocopies, the following:

a. certificate of their Master degree with the final grade and with the grades of the individual exams taken;
b. PhD degree in bio-medical disciplines;
c. documents and qualifications they consider useful in this selection procedure (diplomas of specialisation, certificates for attendance at post-graduate, advanced courses, in Italy or abroad, grants or research assignments both in Italy and abroad);
d. curriculum of their scientific and professional activity;
e. scientific publications.

It is possible to include in the application, in place of the original qualifications listed above, an authenticated copy of the same or a copy declared to be in conformity with the original by a declaration, in substitution of a notarized act, according to art. 46 and 47 of D.P.R. n. 445, dated 28/12/2000.

With reference to the publications considered relevant to this selection procedure, candidates must also include a declaration, in substitution of a notarized act, that certifies that the copies are in conformity with the originals, according to art. 47 del D.P.R. n. 445, dated 28/12/2000.

Titles/qualifications written in a foreign language must be presented with a translation in Italian that must be certified by the competent Authority as being in conformity with the original text. No such certified translation is required for titles/qualifications written in English or French.

Foreign citizens resident in Italy can take advantage of self-certification regarding the above, limited to situations of states, facts, or personal qualities that can be certified or supported by public officials or private Italian citizens (art. 3 DPR 445/2000).

Foreign citizens who are not resident in Italy cannot take advantage, in any way, of the institution of self-certification (art. 3 DPR 445/2000).

Applications that do not contain the necessary declarations and/or documents above, in part or whole will not be taken into consideration; this also applies to applications and declarations that are not signed.

The Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences can, at any time, exclude applications that lack the requisites demanded.

Within 3 months of the end of the selection process, the candidates (at their own expenses) must take action to collect the originals/copies of the qualifications and publications presented. Beyond this period, the Department of Molecular Medicine will not be responsible in any way for these documents.

**Art. 6 – Selection**

This selection process is determined by the Committee based on qualifications and interview; the scoring system adds up to 100/100, as described below:

- PhD degree
- Master degree grade;
- Diplomas of specialisation and certificates of attendance at post-graduate courses related to the significance of these certificates to the research to be carried out;
- Publications;
• Certification of other activity carried out under contract, study grants or posts within National or International Research Agencies; the dates and periods of service must be certified in detail as well as the activity conducted.

• Interview.

The “assegno di ricerca” will be awarded, up to the number available in this selection procedure, to candidates that reach a minimum total (qualifications and interview) of 70/100 (seventy percent).

The results of the assessment of the qualifications will be made known to the candidates prior to the interview. They will be put up on the notice-board and posted on the website of the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences.

Art. 7 – Interview

The exam consists of an interview that will focus on the program indicated in art. 1 of this selection procedure.

The interview is scheduled for the day 27/02/2012 at 10.00 a.m. at room B of Human Anatomy - Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences – Via Alfonso Borelli, 50, 00161 Rome, Italy.

This notice is equivalent to notification to the candidates and will not be given any other communication.

During the interview, the Committee will verify the capacity of the candidate to deal with the topics under examination.

To take part in the interview, candidates must show a valid identification document. The interview will be public. At the end of each step of the selection process, the Committee will make the candidates’ results public.

Art. 8 - Committee

The examining Committee will be nominated by the Director of the Department, following the recommendations of the Council of the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences. It will consist of three members: a full Professor, who will act as the President, and two other members selected from University “Sapienza” permanent staff i.e. Full Professors, Associate Professors, or at most one Researcher. One of these will act as the Secretary for the official report of each step.

For each step, the Committee will prepare the report containing the criteria used for the assessment, personal judgements, the overall judgment for each candidate and the merit ranking.

Art. 9 - The ranking of merit

The merit ranking is in decreasing order of the final result of each candidate. The final result is made up of the sum of the scores received for the qualifications and the interview. The merit
ranking will be used in the case of the winning candidate not accepting the position or in the case of resignation; in this case, the position will be offered to the next candidate in the ranking.

**Art. 10 - The Temporary Research Associate Contract – “Assegno di Ricerca”**

The temporary research associate position – “assegno di ricerca” will be provided through a temporary contract drawn up under civil law. This temporary, fixed-term contract does not, in any way, represent a permanent contract of dependent work and does not give any right to be admitted to permanent positions within the University.

The winning candidate must produce, within 30 days of being awarded the “assegno di ricerca”, on pain of losing the award, a declaration on plain paper, according to articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. n. 445, dated 28/12/2000, that states:

a) date and place of birth;

b) citizenship;

c) possession of political rights in his/her country;

d) freedom from any criminal convictions or current criminal proceedings.

Regarding points b) and c), the declaration must indicate that the candidate possessed these requisites also at the expiry date of the application for the selection process.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth and authenticity of the declarations produced; in case of false declarations, the proceedings laid down in art. 76 of D.P.R. n. 445, dated 28/12/2000 and articles 483, 485 and 486 of the Penal Code are applicable.

The winning candidate must also comply with the requirements laid down in the University Regulations issued with D.R. n. 896, dated 28/3/2011 for awarding temporary research associate positions – “assegni di ricerca”, a copy of which will be provided.

The winning candidate will be required to make a substitutive declaration of a notarized act regarding the authenticity of the qualifications presented. In the absence of this substitutive declaration of a notarized act, the winning candidate must present the originals or provide the necessary stamp duty to render the documents acceptable, according to Law n. 370, dated 23/8/1998.

**Art. 11 – Rights and duties**

The temporary associate researchers must carry out their research within the research programs approved by the Department to which they are intended, the tasks entrusted to the temporary associate researchers must have regard to research and not be merely technical support. The temporary associate researchers can collaborate on research conducted by students in the preparation of the thesis, they can participate in seminars and tutorials for students and be part of the examinations board as experts on the subject.

The temporary associate researchers are entitled to rely, for the purposes of carrying out their researches, the equipment of the Department in which they are on duty and use the services available for researchers according to the rules and regulations approved by the Department.
In case where expressly authorized by the Responsible Scientific, the temporary associate researchers should go on a mission that is involved in research, he will be reimbursed according to the procedures, criteria and regulations.

The temporary associate researchers are required to submit annually to the Director of the Department in which they are on duty a written report of research carried out, accompanied by the assessment of the Scientific Responsible.

The research may be partly carried out at a university or research institutes abroad, obtaining specific certification, as long as this is consistent with the programs and objectives of the research entrusted to the fellows, the period spent abroad should be previously and expressly authorized by the Department after reasoned proposal of the Scientific Responsible.

Art. 12 – Prohibition of overlapping

The grant can not be combined with other scholarship programs with similar objectives, except those awarded by national or foreign institutions to integrate with residence abroad, the research activities of the grant holder.

The research grant is individual. The grant holders may undertake self-employment, by written notice to the membership structure and provided that such activity is declared by the structure compatible with the performance of research activities, not involving conflict of interest with the specific research carried out by the grant holder, does not adversely affect the University in relation to activities. The Research Director and the grant holder must declare not to be bound by professional or business relationship. Always ensuring the smooth running of research activities assigned to them, with the approval of the structure, and of the scientific responsible, fellowship holders may participate in the execution of research and consulting for third parties commissioned by the University "Sapienza", under 'art.66 of the DPR 382/80, and the distribution of the proceeds in the manner prescribed by the regulations on standards.

Employees of public administrations can benefit of the research grant when on unpaid leave for the duration of the contract.

Art. 13 – Termination and resolution of contract

Against the holder of research grant, which after started the research activities in the program will not continue regularly and continuously for the entire period, without justification, or is responsible for serious and repeated misconduct or default, it starts procedure to terminate the contract at the reasoned proposal of the scientific responsible, approved by the Board Department of reference.

The causes of termination are the following:

- unjustified failure or delay in the effective start of the research program;
- unjustified suspension of activity for a period that would be prejudicial to the research program;
- contravention of the incompatibilities established by article. 6 of the Regulations, repeated after a first warning;
- negative opinion expressed by the Board Department, or by the administration and the management of the Department.

Art. 14 – Making the selection procedure public

This selection procedure will be made public by being posted on the notice board of the Department of Molecular Medicine, as well as by being posted on the Department website and the websites of the University, MIUR and the European Union.

www.uniroma1.it/organizzazione/amministrazione/ripartizionepersonale/concorsi/assegni/
www.miur.it
http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/

The present selection procedure will be added to the collection in the appropriate register.

Rome, 10/01/2012

THE DIRECTOR
Prof. Paolo Arbarello
Appendix A

EXAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION TO MAKE ON PLAIN PAPER, ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMICAL, HISTOLOGICAL, FORENSIC MEDICINE AND ORTHOPEDIC SCIENCES - SAPIENZA – UNIVERSITY OF ROME, VIA ALFONSO BORELLI 50, 00161 ROMA

I, the undersigned .................................................................................................................................., born in .................................................................................................................................. prov. ........................................................................ state ........................................................................ on ........................................................................, resident in .................................................................................................................................. prov. .................................................................................................................................. in Street ..................................................................................................................................

ZIP code ............

request to take part in the selection procedure, via qualifications and interview, for the temporary research associate position – “Assegno di Ricerca” (n. 1), Scientific Sector BIO 16 in the Department of Anatomical, Histological, Forensic Medicine and Orthopedic Sciences, Sapienza, University of Rome.

To this end, according to articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. n. 445, dated 28/12/2000, and fully aware that false declarations are punished under Criminal Law and by specific laws in this field, I declare that I:

1) graduated in (Master degree) ........................................................................................................... (Univ) ...........................................................................................................
2) hold a PhD degree in ........................................................................................................................... (Univ) ...........................................................................................................
3) am a citizen of ........................................................................................................................................
4) have no criminal convictions and am not involved in current criminal proceedings;
   OR
   have a criminal conviction for ..............................................................................................................
   from .................................................................................................................................................... date..............................................................................................................................
5) do not have any other grant of any sort or that I am prepared to give up such funding if I should be the winning candidate of this selection procedure;
6) am not a member of staff of an Italian University, of the astrophysics observatories or the Vesuvius observatory or of the public research bodies listed in D.P.C.M. n. 593, dated 30/12/1993 in Enea and ASI;
7) wish to receive notification regarding this selection procedure at the following address
   Street ........................................................................................................................................................
   ZIP........................................................................................................................................................ City........................................................................................................................................ Country ............
   Tel............................................................................................................................................................
   E-mail: ..............................................................................................................................................

I, the undersigned, include in this application:
1) self-certification/certificate of my Master degree on plain paper, with the grades of each exam;
2) self-certification/certificate of my PhD degree;
3) signed list of all the documents and scientific qualifications I consider useful for this selection;
4) copies of the documents and scientific qualifications listed in point 3;
5) signed CV of my scientific and professional activity.

Date ........................................ Signed....................................................................................
ON THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE WRITE “BANDO DI CONCORSO PER ASSEGNO DI RICERCA”, CODE

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Appendix B

SUBSTITUTIVE DECLARATION OF CERTIFICATION
(ART. 46 D.P.R. n. 445, DATED 28/12/2000)

I, the undersigned ............................................................ born on ................. in .................................................. (prov) .......................................................... (state).

□ candidate for the selection procedure for n. ....... temporary research associate position for research entitled: “..........................................................”

in the Department..........................................................

□ already holder of research contract “..........................................................”

in the Department/Faculty ..........................................................

fully aware of the penal sanctions in the case of false declarations, art. 76 D.P.R. n 445, dated 28/12/2000 and according to art. 51, para 6 of Law 449/97

DECLARE

□ I had a grant for my PhD degree from ............ to ...............
(totals months/years ....................) in ..........................................................

□ I never had a grant for my PhD degree

□ I have received temporary research associate positions “assegni di ricerca”:

from .................................. to .................................. (total months/years ....................) in ..........................................................

from .................................. to .................................. (total months/years ....................) in ..........................................................

from .................................. to .................................. (total months/years ....................) in ..........................................................

from .................................. to .................................. (total months/years ....................) in ..........................................................

□ I have never received research temporary research associate positions “assegni di ricerca”:

In addition, I declare that I have been informed, according to D.Lgs. n. 196/2003, that my personal information will be handled, also via electronic storage and transfer, exclusively for the proceedings for which this declaration has been made.

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Place and date (SIGNATURE)