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University of Padova – Department of Molecular Medicine

Selection announcement for the awarding of no. 01 post graduate research fellowship entitled

**“Investigating the role of extracellular matrix in malignant peripheral
nerve sheath tumors”**

Candidates shall also refer to the forms and documentation related to the selection announcement available at the links hereunder:

<https://www.medicinamolecolare.unipd.it/> under the section “Bandi”

<https://www.unipd.it/borse-di-ricerca>

In accordance with the current ‘Regulations Governing Research Fellowships’ (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), a selection announcement based on qualifications and interview has been published for the awarding of **no. 01 research fellowship** at the Department of Molecular Medicine (DMM), under the scientific supervision of **Prof. Matilde Cescon**, the Research Project Supervisor.

The research fellowship shall last for **12 months**.

The gross perceiver amount of the research fellowship, totalling **€ 17.400**, funded by the research project entitled “The Role of Amino Acid Metabolism in Cancer Spreading: a Liability for the Eradication of Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors (RACE)” (CUP code C93C24006230007) financed by Cariparo Foundation under the “Ricerca Scientifica di Eccellenza 2023” call for proposals, of which Prof. Matilde Cescon is responsible, will be paid in deferred monthly instalments.

Research fellowships are subject to the tax and social security treatment provided for by law in force at the time of payment.

The Structure provides accident and third-party liability insurance coverage for Research Fellowship Holders during their research activities.

The Research Fellowship Holder must carry out the following research activity: work on *in vitro* (human and murine cell lines) and *ex vivo* (mouse) models by applying live-imaging and molecular

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biology techniques (western blotting, immunofluorescence, qRTPCR).

Admission requirements

Master's degree (a second level degree - D.M. 509/99 and D.M. 270/04)

(The eligibility of qualifications awarded abroad will be verified by the Selection Committee.)

Required skills:

- English knowledge.

Consideration will be given to:

- Scientific publications;
- Documented relevant study and research activities.

Incompatibilities

The research fellowship cannot be combined with:

- any other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those awarded by national and foreign research institutions for the purpose of supplementing, through stays abroad, the specific activities set out in the grant holder's work programme;
- Research grants (pursuant to Article 22 of Law 240/2010, prior to Law No. 79 of 29 June 2022)
- Research contracts (pursuant to Article 22 of Law 240/2010)
- Post-doctoral Assignments (pursuant to Article 22-bis of Law 240/2010)
- Research Assignments (pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law 240/2010)

In the case of self-employment, employment under a contract of service, or quasi-subordinate employment, eligibility will be certified by the Scientific Supervisor. Research fellowships may not be awarded to individuals who have family or kinship relationships up to the fourth degree with lecturers or researchers working at the Department elected as "Research Base", or with Rector, or Director General, or a member of the University Board of Governors.

Procedures for submission of application form

The deadline for submitting the application for the selection process is set for **April 20th 2026**

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at 01:00 p.m.

The application must be filled out using only the form available on the Department of Molecular Medicine webpage <https://www.medicinamolecolare.unipd.it/> under the section "Bandi", and it can be submitted as follows:

- 1) in person at the Administrative Office of the Department of Molecular Medicine, via U. Bassi 58/b, room 42a (3rd floor North Complesso Vallisneri) - 35131 Padova, between 09:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday;

Please consider that the administrative offices of the Department of Molecular Medicine will be closed from April 3rd 2026 through April 7th 2026.

- 2) sent by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt to the following address: Segreteria Amministrativa del Dipartimento di Medicina Molecolare, via U. Bassi 58/b, room 42a (3rd floor North, Complesso Vallisneri) - 35131 Padova. In this case, the postmark date is not valid; what matters is the date of receipt by the Administrative Secretariat of the Department, which must occur no later than the deadline of this call.
- 3) sent via certified e-mail (PEC) to the address dipartimento.medicinamolecolare@pec.unipd.it

The envelope containing the application or the subject line of the email must state: "Call for applications for a Research Fellowship – *“insert the title of the research fellowship and the name of the Research Project Supervisor”* – at the Department of Molecular Medicine.

The application must include the following attachments:

- a) a CV in European format, dated and signed, available at the link indicated in the preamble of the call;
- b) a photocopy of a valid identity document (Identity Card or Passport);
- c) any other document, qualification or publication useful for the selection process (for instance the copy of the thesis);
- d) the substitutive declaration of certification (made in order to declare the conformity of a document to the original) dated and signed, available on the web page of the Department <https://www.medicinamolecolare.unipd.it/> under the section "Bandi" referring to the specific call.

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Selection procedure

Applications will be evaluated by an Examining Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, on the basis of qualifications and interview.

Before proceeding with the evaluation of candidates, the Examining Committee will establish the maximum score to be assigned, the criteria and methods for evaluating qualifications, any minimum score required for admission to the interview, the criteria and methods for conducting the interview. The Selection Committee will also eventually decide on the minimum overall score for inclusion in the ranking.

If the Selection Committee considers that the documentation provided is sufficient to evaluate the candidates' suitability for the award of the research fellowship, it may decide not to proceed with the interview.

The interview is scheduled for April 22nd, 2026, at 11:00 a.m (Italian time) via Zoom multimedia platform.

Candidates must expressly indicate, in the application form, that they agree to use the multimedia option to take the oral test and must ensure that the device is equipped with a functioning webcam - essential to verify the identity of the candidate - and has a microphone and headphones/speakers.

The oral tests, including remote tests, are public.

On April 21st, 2026, the link to the Zoom platform, useful for the selection interview, will be communicated by the Administrative Secretariat of the Department to the candidates via email to the email address stated in the application form.

Candidates who do not show up for the interview for any reason whatsoever shall be excluded from selection.

Any changes will be communicated via email to applicants to the email address provided in the application.

Upon completion of the proceedings, the Committee will submit the minutes of the selection process to the Director of the Department who, having verified the legitimacy of the selection acts, will proceed with their approval, the publication of the selection results in accordance with transparency regulations, and the issuance of the award decision to be transmitted to the successful candidate.

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Within ten days of receiving the award decision, the successful candidate must, under penalty of forfeiture, accept the Research fellowship. In case of withdrawal, the Research fellowship will be awarded following the order of the final merit ranking.

The publication of the selection results is guaranteed on the University Notice Board and on the Department's webpage at the following address <https://www.medicinamolecolare.unipd.it/>.

Return of Documents and Publications

Candidates may arrange, at their own expense, the retrieval of documents and publications submitted to this University, after two months from the completion of the selection process, barring any ongoing legal dispute.

Personal Data Processing

The processing of personal data provided by candidates is carried out in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 No. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR).

The full privacy policy regarding the processing of personal data is available at the following: <http://www.unipd.it/privacy>.

Person responsible for administrative proceedings

Pursuant to Art. 5 of Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990, as amended, the person responsible for the administrative procedure (RPA) for this selection process is Dr. Edda Fassari, Secretary of the Department of Molecular Medicine, e-mail: edda.fassari@unipd.it - Tel. n. 049 8218681. For any clarification or information regarding the call, write to the following email address: ricerca.dmm@unipd.it.

Final provisions

For any matters not covered by this call, reference is made to the Regulations and the applicable legislation in force.