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Call for applications as part of the project "Departments of Excellence 2018-2022" to award 10 grants for the academic year 2020/2021 for enrollment in the Master's Degree, taught in English, in *Advanced Molecular Sciences* (AMS), of which the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff" of the University of Florence is the contact point.

THE DIRECTOR

- considering that the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff" of the University of Florence was invited to take part in the Project "Departments of Excellence 2018-2022" and was admitted to receiving funding;
- considering also that in the Project "Departments of Excellence 2018-2022" presented by the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff", the D7 and E2 frameworks provide for the establishment of 10 scholarships for 8 years, with a total budget of 800,000 €. These scholarships are aimed at increasing the attractiveness of master's degrees and to encourage the enrolment of Italian or foreign students who have obtained their degree abroad, students residing outside Tuscany and students who have obtained their degree at other Italian universities;
- recalling the decision of the Council of the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff" dated 18/06/2020;
- taking note of the availability of funds from the budget of the Project "Departments of Excellence 2018-2022" 58503_DIPECC C.U.P. B96C17000200008;
- having regard to the current Statute of the University of Florence;

DECREES:

Art. 1 – Call for applications



As part of the project described in the introduction, a call is being launched for the awarding of ten annual grants in the amount of 10,000 € (ten thousand/00, including charges to be paid by the Administration i.e. 9,216.59 € gross of expenses to be paid by the recipient). The call is addressed to Italian or foreign students who have obtained their first level degree or equivalent qualification abroad, to students residing outside Tuscany and to students who earned their first level degree or equivalent qualification at other Italian universities that in the academic year 2020/2021 enroll in the first year of the course LM-54 Advanced Molecular Science (AMS) of the University of Florence.

Art. 2 Grant payment

Candidates that have successfully passed the selection procedure will benefit from the scholarship in accordance to the schedule of payments outlined below:

- 2000,00 € (two thousand/00) including charges to be paid by the Administration, will be paid within two month since the time of enrolment;
- 3000,00 € (three thousand/00) including charges to be paid by the Administration, will be paid by 31 March of the year following enrolment, provided that the beneficiary has obtained by 1 March of the same year at least 12 of the credits planned for the first year of the course of study, with a weighted average of 27 out of 30 points;
- 5000,00 € (five thousand/00) including charges to be paid by the Administration. by 30 September of the year following enrolment, provided that the beneficiary has obtained by 20 September of the same year at least 30 of the credits planned for the first year of the course of study, with a weighted average of 27 out of 30 points.

The grant will be confirmed for the second year of the course, subject to the acquisition of at least 42 of the credits planned for the first year of the course of



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study, with a weighted annual average of 27 out of 30 points, by 31 December of the year after the enrolment, as follows:

- 5000,00 € (five thousand/00) including charges to be paid by the Administration, by 31 December of the year following enrolment;
- 5000,00 € (five thousand/00) including charges to be paid by the Administration, by 31 March of the following year.

If the above conditions are not met, the student is required to refund the entire amount received.

Art. 3. - Admission requirements

In order to participate in the selection process, candidates must:

- possess a Bachelor's degree; those who, at the expiry date of this call, have not yet obtained their degree, may participate in the selection subject to the acquisition of the title and registration by 17/12/2020;
- have received the authorization to enroll issued by the Council of the Master's Degree in Advanced Molecular Sciences by 31/08/2020
- possess a B2, or higher, certificate of knowledge of the English language; the level of knowledge of the language must be assessed by the Centro Linguistico di Ateneo of the University of Florence or by similarly recognized international institutions.

Those who have enrolled in a Master's Degree course for the first time in the academic year 2020/2021 in other Italian universities may participate in the call. If they are awarded the scholarship, they must formally renounce their studies at the University of enrolment and register for the AMS Master's Degree, otherwise the benefit will be lost.



Art. 4. - Deadlines and procedures for the submission of applications

In order to participate in the selection, the applicant must fill in the online application, using the procedure set out at <https://ammissioni.unifi.it>. **The service will be available until 13.00 (CEST - Central European Summer Time) on 31/08/2020.** Beyond this deadline, the link will be made inactive and it will no longer be possible to complete the application and therefore participate in the selection.

The Administration reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the truthfulness of the declarations contained in the application. Please note that false or misleading statements are punishable under the Penal Code and special laws on the subject and will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

For information and assistance in completing your application, you can call the number +39-0554573496 or send an e-mail to master-ams@chim.unifi.it

Art. 5 - Scholarships awarding criteria and the establishment of rankings

The Selection Committee, appointed by the Director of the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff", will carry out the selection of the candidates on the basis of their university career, the time it took to obtain the qualification, other useful qualifications provided by each candidate and an interview aimed at verifying their individual preparation. A maximum of 60 points will be assigned based on the following criteria:

- (a) average marks for examinations in the chemical and chemical-industrial disciplines (**up to 20 points**);
- (b) time it took to obtain the bachelor's degree and other useful titles (**up to 10 points**);



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c) interview to verify the individual preparation, to be carried out via Skype or in person, after communication to the candidates by email and notice on the website of the AMS course at <http://www.master-ams.unifi.it> . In addition to the candidate's scientific preparation, the candidate's mastery of the scientific vocabulary and the ability to interact and discuss (**up to 30 points**) will be evaluated.

Access to the interview is granted when the candidate has obtained at least 15 points from the evaluation of points a) and b).

The provisional ranking after the evaluation of the points a) and b) and the calendar of the interviews will be published on the website of the Advanced Molecular Sciences Magistral Course <http://www.master-ams.unifi.it> and communicated by e-mail to the candidates.

Candidates that gained a total of at least 30 points will be admitted to the ranking.

The first 10 candidates in the ranking will be awarded the scholarship.

In the event of equal score, priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

Funds remaining at the end of this procedure will be used to finance services and activities of all students

Art. 6 - Publication of rankings and acceptance

The final ranking is approved by a Decree of the Director of the Department of Chemistry "Ugo Schiff" and published on the Official Register of the University of Florence and on the website of the AMS course at <http://www.master-ams.unifi.it>

The publication of the ranking on the website will be the only means of official announcement on the outcome of the test.



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Following the approval of the ranking, the winners will be invited to formalize the acceptance of the grant, by signing a dedicated form that will be available on the website of the AMS course at <http://www.master-ams.unifi.it>

Those who do not sign the acceptance form within 15 days from its publication will be deemed to have withdrawn.

Enrolment in the AMS Master's degree course at the University of Florence for the academic year 2020/2021 must take place no later than 17/12/2020.

Students who obtain their degree **after submitting their application** must communicate this within 5 days to the Secretariat of the AMS course by email at: master-ams@chim.unifi.it

Students who do not comply with the obligations and terms set out above are considered tacitly renouncing, regardless of the reasons justifying the delay or omission.

In case of forfeiture by any of the winners, the ranking will be updated following the ranking order.

Art. 7 - Scrolling the list

The procedure for filling posts provides for acceptance of a number of candidates equal to the number of vacant posts. After the registration procedure is completed, candidates are selected according to the order in which they are ranked. Eligible candidates will be notified by e-mail to the address indicated at the time of submission of the application and must submit or send, within 5 days, the declaration of acceptance referred to in Article 6 to: master-ams@chim.unifi.it



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Students who fail to comply with the obligations and terms set out above are considered tacitly to have withdrawn, regardless of the reasons justifying the delay or omission. In the event of renunciation, the ranking will be scrolled.

Art. 8 – Incompatibility

This scholarship is not compatible with other grants awarded in the same academic year.

Art. 9 - Processing of personal data

The personal data provided with the application to participate in the call are processed in accordance with the procedures set out in Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 and EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data.

Art. 10 – Person in charge of the procedure

For all purposes of this notice, the person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Emanuela Pasquini, Administrative Manager of the Chemical Department "Ugo Schiff" via della Lastruccia 3-13, 50019 Sesto Fiorentino (FI), e-mail: direttore@chim.unifi.it, certified e-mail: direttore@chim.unifi.it

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For the purposes of EU Regulation no. 2016/679 on the protection of individuals with regard to personal data provided and acquired by you and the free movement of such data, we inform you that the processing will be carried out in accordance with the rules provided for in the Regulation and the rights and obligations arising therefrom. On the University's website, at the address <https://www.unifi.it/p11360.html>, there is a page dedicated to the subject of personal data protection, which also contains information on the processing of the personal data of scholarship holders.