

TUSCANY Ph.D. IN

NEUROSCIENCES

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BIOMEDICAL AREA			
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	Department of Neuroscience, Psychology, Drug Research and Child Health		
REGIONE TOSCANA PEGASO PROJECT 2020	University of Florence University of Pisa University of Siena		
	POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 17 Positions with Scholarship: 15 Positions without Scholarship: 2* * standard ranking only		
	5 - University of Florence		
	3 - Regione Toscana Pegaso Scholarships 2020		
	1 - Department of Neuroscience, Psychology, Drug Research and Child Health Thematic: "Spatio-temporal mechanisms of generative perception" Funded by project H2020 ERC - GenPercept G.A. 832813		
RANKING LIST FOR STANDARD POSITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 12	1 - Department of Translational Research and new Technologies in Medicine and Surgery - University of Pisa Thematic: "Interindividual differences in visual perception" Funded by project H2020 ERC-STG-PUPILTRAITS G.A. 801715		
	 2 - Department of Health Sciences (DSS) 1. Thematic: "The role of Schwann cells in chronic pain" 2. Thematic: "TRP channels in glial and inflammatory cells in neuroinflammation" Funded by project H2020 ERC-ADG - SCOPE G.A. 835286 		
	3 - Regione Toscana Borse Pegaso 2020**		
RANKING LISTS FOR POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 3	 "Early diagnosis and monitoring of neurodevelopmental disorders within the first year of life by means of digital bomarkers acquired during play with sensor equipped toys" "MultiOmic analysis and molecular signatures in Neuronal Ceroidolipofuscinosis as dementia model in infants" "Implementation of Multimodal Imaging in functional assessment of 		

	visual system in patients with hereditary retinal dystrophy eligible for gene therapy"		
	** A period of training/research in an enterprise, a public research institution or other public institution (not a university) of at least 3 months is mandatorily required.		
STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD	Mandatory only for international Pegaso Scholarships 2020		
MANDATORY PERIOD REQUIRED	12 months for Regione Toscana Pegaso Scholarships 2019 - standard positions (8 months in the first two years)		
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION (under penalty of exclusion)	 Copy of the Identification Document Replacement Declaration Form self-declaration for: Italian Degree required for the access transcript of records with marks (for those candidates whose degrees will be awarded within the 31st October 2020) acknowledgment of compliance for any other qualification documents enclosed with the application Foreign Degree required for the access (those candidates whose degrees will be awarded within the 31st October 2020 shall enclose the list of the examinations completed with marks) 		
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION	 MANDATORY Curriculum vitae (European format), with indication of qualifications and all publications of the applicant. Research Project OPTIONAL Publications (if any) Certificate of English proficiency at level B2 or higher 		
RESEARCH PROJECT	The Research Project has to be written in English (max 6 pages, references included) and must include also a statement of feasibility, where also the host laboratory is indicated. In the application forms, the candidate should indicate whether he/she wants to participate to the selection for the "standard positions", the "positions with specific topics", or both. In the latter case, the candidate may submit two different research projects indicating, in the file name of the additional one, "specific research topic scholarship".		
EVALUATION PROCEDURE	 Evaluation of curriculum vitae, research project, publications and other qualification documents Interview As detailed in the section below "Evaluation Marks".		
OTHER LANGUAGE FOR THE INTERVIEW	English		
INTERVIEW by remote mode	Google Meet or Skype		
FURTHER INFORMATION	The interview is also intended to verify candidate knowledge of the English language (level B2 or higher). Selection of applicants will follow a two-step evaluation (see scheme below).		

Step 1) Preselection for admission to the interview: The Committee will evaluate:

- 1) CV (European format) with indication of qualifications (e.g. awards, certificates of research experience and/or attendance of courses relevant to Neuroscience) and all publications of the applicant.
- 2) Publications by the applicant attached to the application. Publications will contribute for a maximum of 3 (three) points. Technical reports and specialization thesis are not evaluated and <u>should not</u> be uploaded.
- 3) Research project in English. In this phase the project will be evaluated for its clarity, coherence with the Doctorate in Neurosciences and for its feasibility, in general and within the Tuscan Ph.D. in Neurosciences Program. (Note: the project presented will not necessarily be accepted as the final thesis project for the applicant, should he/she be accepted in the Ph.D. Program).

Applicants receiving a score of at least 30/40 will be admitted to the interview.

Step 2) Interview: The **interview** will focus on a discussion of the research project presented. **Good knowledge of spoken and written English is required.**

EVALUATION MARKS

parameters	minimum score	maximum score	
Curriculum vitae, qualifications, publications, Research Project redaction	30/120	40/120	
Interview: discussion of the research project to assess applicant's aptitude for research	50/120	80/120	
Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 80/120			

Further information available at the following web page:

https://www.neurofarba.unifi.it/ls-9-ricerca.html

EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE				
	DATE	TIME		
INTERVIEW	September 9 th - 10 th 2020	9:00 a.m.		

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the following web page: https://www.unifi.it/p11741.html