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Title:

Ph.D. position in the EU funded project H2020-MSCA-ITN SAPIENS “Sustainability and Procurement in International, European, and National Systems” (GA n. 956696)

ORGANISATION/COMPANY	University of Rome Tor “Vergata” (Italy)
RESEARCH FIELD	Management and Economics Science
RESEARCHER PROFILE	Early Stage Researcher (ESR)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	May 16, 2021 (before 12 pm Rome Time)
LOCATION	Rome – Italy
TYPE OF CONTRACT	Temporary (36-months fixed duration)
JOB STATUS	Full-time
HOURS PER WEEK	40
OFFER STARTING DATE	01/09/2021
EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME	H2020 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Innovative Training Network
MARIE CURIE GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER	956696

OFFER DESCRIPTION

The University of Rome Tor “Vergata” (Italy), School of Economics, is seeking a highly motivated and mobile candidate with a strong academic record holding at least a two-year Master’s Degree in Management and/or Economics, fluency in English and some demonstrated subject knowledge of either public procurement policy, procurement management or economics of procurement (or all of them). Knowledge and experience in sustainability studies and empirical skills will be considered an added relevant feature of the candidate.

The selected candidate will pursue a Ph.D. as Early Stage Researcher (ESR), within the EU-funded H2020-MSCA-ITN Project “*Sustainability and Procurement in International, European, and National Systems*” (acronym SAPIENS – GA n. 956696) www.sapiensnetwork.eu

The project's objective is to foster interdisciplinary research into the evolving use of public procurement (PP) to address the social and environmental challenges of the 21st century with a view to create a significantly increased European knowledge base and research capacity on the law, the economics and the business sciences of Sustainable Public Procurement. The Early Stage Researcher (ESR) will contribute to ambitious and carefully planned research, outreach, impact, and dissemination activities benefiting from the expertise of world-leading senior academics.

The ESR will be enrolled in the [Doctoral Program in Management](#) and will work within the CEIS - Centre for Economic and International Studies, School of Economics, University of Rome Tor Vergata, on the Ph.D. research project "Developing Sustainable and Procurement Solutions at Global Level (bottom up approach)".

The Early Stage Researcher (ESR) will work under the supervision of prof. Gustavo Piga and prof. Andrea Appolloni and will be offered an international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral training and will include a structured mobility to up to 10 months in the Universities and Partner Organisations of the Consortium for the entire project duration that will include:

- **The Corvinus University of Budapest**, Institute of Business Economics, (Hungary). - 3 months of resident work with co-supervisor;
- **(EBRD) - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**, (UK) - 2 months hands on training in UK on research on contract performance monitoring tools and virtuous practices.
- **The George Washington University**, Law School, (USA) – 2 months hands working on contract performance monitoring specifically from the SPP perspective.

The offered position is available with a fixed starting date in September 2021 for a maximum duration of 36 months with a full-time commitment to work exclusively under the action.

Applicants may be of any nationality and shall, at the time of recruitment by the host organisation (September 2021), be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of his or her research careers and have not been awarded a doctoral degree. ESR shall not have resided or carried out his or her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date.

Benefits

The ESR will be part of a community of ESRs based in 10 SAPIENS partner universities and will benefit from an international and interdisciplinary training programme featuring local, ITN-wide, and external activities with an exposure to intersectoral and international working environments. Training will take place through Advanced Training Courses, a Summer School, and a topical conference organised by ITN partners across Europe (Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Hungary, UK).

Candidates will get a very attractive salary plus an allowances package in accordance with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) rules and the personal circumstances of the applicant.

The gross salary will be approximately 3.413,88 €/month, plus a mobility allowance of 600 €/month and, if due, a family allowance of 500 €/month.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, the candidate:

- must hold a 2-year **Master's Degree** or equivalent qualifications (candidates with pending Master's degrees will be considered, but the award will be conditioned on them being awarded the title by end of July 2021). Candidates should ideally possess a Master's degree in Social Science and/or Management (Management and/or Economics) or a different degree provided that allows them to enlist in a Ph.D. (applications from candidates who already possess a doctoral degree cannot be considered);
- must be **in the first four years of her/his research career;**
- must **not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months** in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date;
- must be willing to live in the Host Institution country during the 3 years appointment and travel to the other Universities and Partner Organisations of the network for training activities and secondments (according to the details provided in each job post);
- must not hold a Ph.D.;
- must have solid written and oral communication skills in English.

The ideal candidate should have:

Essential

- Master's degree in Social Science and/or in Management
- Basic understanding of the Economics and/or Management of public procurement, sustainability issues at the global level
- High level of quantitative and analytical ability
- Thorough understanding and direct relevant experience of research methods
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly
- Ability to assess resource requirements and use the resources effectively
- Excellent IT skills across all core Microsoft Office products
- Ability to work as part of a team and work independently using own initiative
- Fluency in English (both written and oral)

Desirable

- Basic understanding of public procurement law
- Basic understanding of public procurement innovation and policy
- Basic understanding of statistics and econometrics

Selection process

The evaluation and selection procedure is organized in 3 steps:

STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY CHECK

STEP 2: EVALUATION OF THE FILE

(CV, letters of reference, research proposal, etc.)

STEP 3: INTERVIEW

(short-listed candidates)

Website for the Application: <http://www.ceistorvergata.it>

Candidates should submit an “online application form” (available [here](#)), by **May 16, 2021** at 12pm Rome Time, the following documents (in a single zipped attachment):

- the “paper” application form, with signature in original
- a full CV (with the relevant details for checking the eligibility criteria)
- a copy of Master’s and Bachelor’s Degree diploma with the transcript of records and final marks (if available, the diploma supplement)
- a cover letter
- a copy of the passport
- two reference contacts
- an abstract of the Master’s thesis
- list of publications (only if available)
- Motivation Letter. An account of the activities of significance to the vacancy (max 2 pages)
- research project proposal, this should include the following:

(1) objective(s) of the research, (2) major research questions, (3) review of relevant literature, (4) methodology to be applied in the research. The project proposal must not exceed 3 standard pages, corresponding to approx. 6,000 characters.

Only documents in English can be accepted.

The deadline for application is **May 16, 2021** (h. 12 pm Rome Time)

Applications failing to include the requested documentation or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The University of Rome “Tor Vergata” is an equal opportunities employer, committed to promoting equality, diversity and fairness irrespective of age, disability, gender, pregnancy or marital status, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender identity. The University of Rome “Tor Vergata” unit welcomes applications from currently underrepresented groups and will ensure that equal opportunities are guaranteed to each applicant during the selection procedure.

Candidates will be evaluated according to the eligibility criteria and the following criteria for the scientific evaluation:

- Educational track records
- Scientific quality of the CV
- Draft project
- Expected individual impact and benefit to the researcher and to the project
- Previous experiences in the subject areas relevant to the SAPIENS research programme.

The eligibility and evaluation of the file will take place in April/May 2021.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a web interview (Skype) that will take place in May/June 2021 and positions will be offered to candidates following the approval by the Selection Committee.

Website and contacts for additional job details

Sapiens website: www.sapiensnetwork.eu

CEIS Website: <http://www.ceistorvergata.it>

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