

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PHD COURSE ORGANIZED BY THE
ISTITUTO DI RICERCHE FARMACOLOGICHE MARIO NEGRI IRCCS
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY, UK

CALL FOR THE YEAR 2021

The Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, Via Mario Negri n. 2, 20156 Milano (Italy), hereafter “IRFMN”, is inviting candidates to enroll in the PhD training programme. A maximum number of 4 (four) new PhD students is programmed for the year 2021.

The International Graduate Program (hereafter “PhD Course”) of the IRFMN, is organized in collaboration with the Open University (Milton Keynes, UK) and confers a PhD title that is recognized worldwide. The Program is part of the educational and training activities taking place in the two campuses of Milano and Bergamo. The major aim of the Graduate Program is to train students for research careers in the fields of Pharmacology and Toxicology with specific reference to Cancer, Neurological, Cardiovascular and Kidney and rare diseases.

The PhD Course is an educational programme of excellence with a maximal duration of 4 years. To guarantee the highest scientific standards, access is limited to young investigators with at least one-year experience in any field of experimental or clinical research. Where English is not the applicant’s first language, the candidate PhD student must hold a valid IELTS certificate (International English Language Testing System), or BULATS (Business Language Testing Service) or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test. In addition, preferential qualifications include authorship in one or more original scientific articles, published in peer-reviewed international journals. Italian candidates must have an Italian University degree (e.g., *laurea breve* or *laurea magistrale*) in any scientific discipline. Foreign candidates must have graduate degrees equivalent to those required for the Italian candidates. In accordance with the relevant international, European and Italian legislation, and the “equal opportunity employer” status of the IRFMN, no distinction for applicants is made as to sex, nationality, health status or religious opinion.

Interested prospective students must transmit the following documents (in electronic format) to the School Office (phd@marionegri.it) by May 31, 2021:

- (1) the applicant's CV;
- (2) a valid IELTS certificate (International English Language Testing System) obtained no more than two years before the predicted registration date (October 1st, 2021). The minimum acceptable IELTS overall score is 6.5, and no less than 6.0 in any of the four elements (reading, writing, listening and speaking). Other acceptable English certificates are BULATS and TOEFL (overall score \geq 79).


Then, following notification of their eligibility, the candidates must pass an admission test (consisting of a written and an oral session), which will take place in June.

For a detailed description of the procedures involved, prospective PhD students are referred to the document "The PhD program at the Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS", which is available at the Institute website: <https://www.marionegri.it/formazione#Opportunit-formativa>.

The final rankings of the call will be available at the aforementioned website by July 2nd, 2021.

The successful applicants will be asked to submit the documents necessary for the final registration to the Open University, UK.

The annual tuition fees (currently 2,245 GB pounds) for each PhD student are covered by IRFMN for the entire duration of the PhD programme and for no longer, than the maximum accepted duration of the course (4 years). The IRFMN will provide the student with a negotiable monthly stipend in the form of a fellowship for the entire duration of the PhD Course. Subject to negotiation and apartment availability, external and foreign students are eligible for lodging in the Institute's guesthouse.



Dr. Enrico Garattini
Research Degree Coordinator



Prof. Giuseppe Remuzzi
Director



Milano, March 31, 2021

*To comply with the guidelines contained in the Italian Legislative Decree, D.LGS. 231/2001, the prospective student must declare any previous working experience with the Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS. In addition, the prospective student must declare previous collaborations with any Italian Public Administrative Service or Agency. Finally, the prospective student must declare any possible conflict of interest due to family links or associations with members of the Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS. Please fill out **Appendix 1** and provide it with your CV.*

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Do you have any conflict of interest to declare?

YES

NO

In case your answer is YES, please specify

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According to Section 7 of the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, you are allowed to exercise your rights as far as the shared data is concerned.

Date

Signature