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“SEED Funds for Young people” Call for Proposals 2020

1. Aims

The *SEED funds for Young people* have the aim to encourage and promote the submission of Grant proposals by early career researchers. To this purpose our Department allocates **€ 12000** to fund 4 one-year research projects: 2 addressed to Postdoctoral Researchers and 2 addressed to PhD students.

2. Eligibility

We accept proposals submitted by Post docs and PhD students affiliated to the Department of Biology. Individuals affiliated to the Department of Biology are Postdoctoral researchers (Postdocs) A- or B- type, who work at specific research projects under the scientific supervision of a Department of Biology professor by the deadline of the present Call.

Individuals affiliated to the Department of Biology are also students (PhD students) enrolled on a Doctoral programme of the Department or on Doctoral programmes of the University of Padua whose mentor is a professor affiliated to the Department of Biology by the deadline of the present Call.

The above application requirements should last for the whole duration of the funded research project (even if your role may change).

Each applicant can submit one single project.

3. Successful proposals

The project proposal may regard for example:

- the exploration of new research fields;
- preliminary experimental data collection for future funding applications;
- journeys in external laboratories for scientific cooperation;
- staff costs for external experts involved in new projects;
- projects to disseminate scientific results;
- projects for patents and/or for technological outcomes.

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The *SEED fund for Young people* will last **12 months** from the date of grants award and in any case will not exceed the Fellowship expiration date or the end date of Doctoral programmes.

Each project will receive a maximum amount of **€ 3000**.

All types of costs are eligible.

In case of projects funded for journeys in external laboratories for scientific cooperation, expenses may be reimbursed if journeys are spent from the grant award date onwards and within the deadline of the project.

4. Application

The project proposals should be submitted to the Scientific Committee by using the suitable Template attached to the present Call

from October 26th to November 26th 2020 at 23.59

and sent by your University email address as attached document to the Head of Department Secretary at direzione.biologia@unipd.it and to the Research and Third Mission Office at ricerca.biologia@unipd.it.

5. Selection and Award Criteria

The selection Committee will assign an overall score out of 100:

50 points / 100 will be awarded by the Scientific Committee;

50 points /100 will be awarded by applicants (peer review).

In this last award each project should be evaluated by the same number of applicant evaluators up to a maximum of 5 each. The evaluators will be awarded within each own category (Postdocs and PhD students). The final score of project proposals will be the result of the average score of all evaluations.

The award criteria are as follows :

1. Impact of the research
2. Innovation, originality of the project
3. Feasibility study of the project
4. Clarity of the project

At the end of the evaluation the Scientific Committee will draw up a merit list .

For further information please contact our Research and Third Mission Office at ricerca.biologia@unipd.it

Padova, 27/10/2020

the Head of the Department
Prof. Luigi Bubacco

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