



ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TWO DOCTORAL BIENNIAL FELLOWSHIPS OF THE «GIUSEPPE LEVI» FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF NEUROBIOLOGY FOR 2026

Art. 1

(Nature of the Fellowship)

The “Giuseppe Levi” Foundation, established at the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and funded by the “Compagnia di San Paolo” Foundation, announces a public selection for two postdoctoral biennial fellowships in the field of Neurobiology, to be undertaken at Institutes or University Departments or Italian Research Centres that, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, are suitably qualified.

Each fellowship amounts to € 23,000 per year, gross of taxes, has a duration of two years, and is non-renewable.

Art. 2

(Incompatibility with other grants/fellowships. Insurance)

The fellowships may not be held concurrently with other fellowships awarded by other institutions, nor with grants or subsidies of a similar nature, nor with salaries, wages, or remuneration of any kind.

No additional compensation may be awarded to the recipient, beyond the amount of the fellowship, that is charged to contributions or allocations of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

The fellow will be insured, at the expense of the Accademia, against accidents that may occur in the performance of activities related to the fellowship.

Art. 3

(Admission requirements)

To be admitted to the selection process, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a) citizenship of one of the Member States of the European Union;
- b) no criminal convictions;
- c) not having reached the thirty-second birthday (*the date of birth must not be earlier than 1 January 1993*). All required qualifications must be held by the deadline for submission of the application. The age limit is extended by one year for each child born or adopted before the application deadline;

d) possession of a doctoral degree in the field of Neurosciences.

All qualifications obtained abroad must be formally recognised in advance in accordance with the current Italian legislation (*information available on the website of the Ministry of Education, University and Research: www.miur.it*).

Public employees (*including tenured school teachers*) may participate in the selection, provided that they are granted unpaid leave by their employer for the entire duration of the fellowship.

Full and associate university professors, as well as equivalent categories, and university and CNR researchers are not eligible to participate in the selection.

All required qualifications must be held by the deadline for submission of the application.

Art. 4 **(Application procedure)**

Applications for admission to the selection (*in both Italian and English*) must be submitted exclusively online by completing the form available at <https://www.lincei.it/it/Bandi>, no later than **10 November 2025**.

Applications that are incomplete, irregular, or submitted in ways and/or within deadlines other than those set forth in this call will not be accepted.

No other forms of submission will be accepted apart from completion and online submission of the application.

Access to the online application procedure is possible through the login credentials issued during the registration phase.

The online application procedure must be completed no later than **6:00 p.m. on 10 November 2025**. Should the deadline fall on an Italian public holiday, it is extended until 6:00 p.m. of the following working day.

If the candidate submits the online form more than once, only the most recent application submitted within the deadline will be considered.

The electronic submission date of the application is certified by the IT system which, upon expiry of the deadline, will no longer allow submission, but only access for viewing and printing the application already submitted.

In the application, the candidate must declare, under their own responsibility and pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended:

- 1a. place of residence;
- 2a. the type of Master's Degree obtained (*Medicine and Surgery; Biological Sciences; Natural Sciences; Chemistry; Physics*), specifying the University, the grades achieved in each exam, the date and grade of the final examination;
- 3a. the attainment of a PhD in Neurobiology, specifying the awarding University, the date, and the final grade/evaluation;

- 4a. possession of the requirements concerning the incompatibility of the fellowship throughout its entire duration;
- 5a. in the case of being a public employee or a tenured school teacher, that they will be placed on unpaid leave by their employer for the entire duration of the fellowship if successful in the competition;
- 6a. is not in a position as a full or associate university professor or equivalent category;
- 7a. is not a university and/or CNR researcher;
- 8a. full contact details, including postal address with ZIP code, telephone number, certified email address and/or email address, for all communications regarding the competition, with a commitment to promptly notify any changes;
- 9a. awareness of the criminal penalties provided for in Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, for false statements and misrepresentations;
- 10a. consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes and according to the procedures provided by Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended, and by EU Regulation no. 2016/679;
- 11a. current scientific position and/or qualification held.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents (*exclusively in pdf format*):

- 1b. copy of a valid identity document;
- 2b. list of grades achieved in each examination (*university certification or self-certified list signed by the candidate*);
- 3b. detailed research project (*maximum 2 pages*);
- 4b. letter of approval from the scientific supervisor of the research at the host Italian Institute, Department, or Research Center, explicitly approving the proposed research project both in terms of subject matter and duration. The letter must be issued on headed paper, include the name and surname of the scientific supervisor, and be signed with a legible signature. The document, after scanning, must be submitted as a pdf file;¹
- 5b. letter of approval from the Director of the host Italian Institute, Department, or Research Center, regarding the proposed research project. The letter must be issued on headed paper, include the name and surname of the Director, and be signed with a legible signature. The document, after scanning, must be submitted as a pdf file;²
- 6b. copy of the PhD thesis. The thesis must be attached as a pdf file, in compliance with the platform's maximum upload size (15 MB); *

* Only if the thesis exceeds the maximum size permitted by the system, a link must be provided in a separate pdf file to be attached. The corresponding file (*exclusively in pdf format*) can be uploaded via cloud services (*e.g. OneDrive, Google Drive, etc.*) and must not include expiry limits or password protection (*it is strongly recommended to verify accessibility before attaching the file containing the link*).

NOTE: If the link is inactive/inaccessible, the application will not be accepted.

- 7b. up to a maximum of ten works, with a list specifying whether they are publications or manuscripts, and naming any co-authors. Each of the ten works must be uploaded individually in pdf format, in compliance with the platform's maximum file size (*15 MB each*);
- 8b. certificates and any other relevant qualifications;
- 9b. curriculum vitae *et studiorum*, in European format, dated and signed by the candidate;
- 10b. list of all documents submitted (*qualifications and publications*), signed by the candidate (*this list is a simple summary of items 1b to 9b*).

¹ In the event that the roles of Director and Scientific Supervisor are held by the same person, it will be possible to submit a single document, provided that it explicitly indicates the fulfilment of both roles.

² As in footnote 1.

Failure to submit any of the documents referred to under points 1b), 3b), 4b), 5b), 6b), and 9b) will result in exclusion from the selection.

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei may exclude a candidate at any time during the procedure if the absence of the required qualifications is established.

Any exclusion from the selection will be communicated to the candidate with a reasoned decision.

Art. 5 **(Selection Committee)**

The Selection Committee is appointed by Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and is composed of five members, of whom at least three must be Members of the Academy and one is a representative of the Italian Institute for Genomic Medicine – IIGM, designated by the “Compagnia di San Paolo” Foundation.

The Committee may exercise its functions and hold meetings remotely, using telematic means.

The Selection Committee may, at its discretion, schedule an interview with the candidates, provided that they are given at least 15 days’ prior notice. No reimbursement is provided by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei to candidates attending the interview.

At the conclusion of its work, the Selection Committee prepares the ranking of eligible candidates.

The Committee’s decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Art. 6 **(Ranking)**

For the purpose of forming the merit ranking of eligible candidates, the Selection Committee considers the evaluation of qualifications, the result of any interview, and the research project submitted by the candidate, assessing both their general aptitude for scientific research and their preparation in the specific field of study they intend to pursue.

Candidates occupying a position corresponding to the number of fellowships available in the merit ranking will be declared winners of the fellowship.

No ex-aequo winners are permitted. In the event of a tie, preference will be determined first by the shorter time elapsed since obtaining the qualification required for admission to the selection; in case of further equality, by the younger age of the candidate.

In the event of renunciation or forfeiture by the winner, the fellowship may be awarded to the next eligible candidate according to the ranking order within one month of the renunciation or forfeiture.

Should the winner renounce or forfeit the fellowship within three months of the start date of the research activity due to incompatibility as described in Art. 2 of this Call, the fellowship may be awarded to the next eligible candidate for the remaining period, based on financial availability and the Research Supervisor’s scientific assessment of awarding the fellowship for a shorter period than originally planned.

Art. 7
(Outcome of the Selection Process)

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei will notify only the two winners of the outcome of the selection. Candidates who are deemed eligible may consult the results of the selection on the website of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (www.lincei.it).

Art. 8
(Commencement)

Within 15 days from the notification of the fellowship award, the recipient must send a letter of acceptance of the fellowship, duly signed with an authentic and legible signature, to the Secretariat of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei at the email address ufficio.premi@lincei.it.

The fellowship holder who does not commence the planned studies and research within the deadline communicated to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei will forfeit the fellowship.

The fellowship may be temporarily suspended only in cases where the recipient must be absent due to pregnancy and postpartum leave or illness lasting longer than one month.

The reasons for postponement or suspension of the fellowship must be properly documented.

The fellowship holder who, after commencing the planned research, fails to pursue it continuously and properly for the entire duration without justified and documented reasons, or who commits serious and repeated breaches, may be declared ineligible for further use of the fellowship, upon the Research Supervisor's recommendation, by a reasoned decision of the General Director.

The recipient will be informed of the initiation of the relevant procedure, and may present their position in writing.

At the conclusion of the procedure, which may result either in the archiving of the records or in the aforementioned forfeiture decision, the recipient will be duly informed with reasons.

Art. 9
(Payment of the Fellowship)

The fellowship will be paid in monthly installments.

The first installment will be disbursed only after the Research Supervisor has verified and notified the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei that the fellowship holder has commenced the activity at the designated location.

The notification must be submitted exclusively as a formal letter on institutional letterhead, scanned into a PDF file, and sent to the following email address: ufficio.premi@lincei.it.

The letter confirming the start of activities must specify the name of the Research Supervisor at the chosen Institute, Department, or Research Center and must be signed legibly. The document, once scanned into PDF format, may be submitted either by the candidate or directly by the Research Supervisor.

Subsequent installments will be paid in the following months, unless the Research Supervisor reports that conditions described in Articles 2 and 8 of this call have occurred.

The fellowship holder who, after commencing the research, is declared forfeited or renounces the fellowship, must return any advanced installments not yet accrued.

The request for repayment of the installment will be issued by the Director of Administrative Services of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, who will also calculate any amounts to be returned.

Art. 10 (Outcome of the Research)

Within three months of the fellowship's expiration, the fellowship holder must submit to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei a detailed report on the research carried out, approved by the Research Supervisor. This report will be retained in the records of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

Art. 11 (Processing of Personal Data)

The personal data of the candidates shall be processed by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei exclusively for the purposes of managing the present procedure and any subsequent procedures relating to the awarding of the fellowship, in compliance with Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as subsequently amended, and with EU Regulation No. 2016/679.

Art. 12 (Reference)

This notice and the online form for submitting applications to the selection procedure are available on the website of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei: <https://www.lincei.it/it/Bandi>.

For further information please contact:

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