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POSEIDONE

Call for applications for 12 participants for the Summer School funded within the framework of the Interreg Italy-Slovenija 2021-2027 Programme

The University of Padua - Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA) opens the selection of n. 12 students to participate in the Summer School funded by the project POSEIDONE "Poseidone - promotion of green and blue infrastructures dedicated to a new environment" (CUPH81G23000007). The Summer School is funded by the Interreg Italy-Slovenija 2021-2027 Programme.

Art. 1 - General Information

The Summer School will be held mainly on board of "Catholica" (Goletta Verde), a sailing scientific laboratory where studies and scientific research will be carried out. The Summer School proposes a field training week, with a particular focus on species conservation and the marine ecosystem of the North Adriatic Sea, involving students and graduates from Italian and Slovenian universities to increase their practical skills, complementing theoretical notions, expand their conservation knowledge on protected marine species in the Northern Adriatic Sea, and increase their experience in field activities to facilitate the start of a working/professional career.

The activities purpose on the Goletta "Catholica" (Goletta Verde) and its collateral activities will aim to involve, through practical activities at sea and ashore, students, PhD students and recent graduates to learn innovative techniques for monitoring and sampling protected species. The planned activities will consist in:

- Techniques for monitoring coastal and pelagic marine fauna, through the support of international experts, including the application of innovative technologies, with particular reference to *Pinna nobilis*, *Caretta caretta*, and *Tursiops truncatus*;



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- Data collection and analyses on anthropogenic activities (pollution, tourism, fishing, climate change and coastal anthropization) to manage protected marine fauna and develop solutions to conflicts in the use of maritime spaces between anthropogenic activities and protected species;
- Approaches to public engagement, communication and dialogue with stakeholders to implement awareness-raising actions for local realities.

Thanks to a selection described below, 12 students will be chosen to attend the Summer School, including accommodation.

The Summer School will be held in Italian and Slovenian, the official working language will be English. Lessons will be held by international experts in English with departure on Sunday 8 September 2024 and return on Saturday 14 September (7 days).

During the activities, students will be asked to produce a trilingual logbook, which will be published on the project's main social channels. At the end of the training week, the students will have to prepare a trilingual collective dissertation on the achievements of the training course and will receive a certificate of participation.

Art. 1.1 Who is eligible for funding

This call for applications is addressed to:

- Students regularly enrolled in the following Master's degree courses or graduates in one of the following degrees: Biology, (LM06); Forest and Environmental Sciences and Technologies (LM73); Sciences and Technologies for the Environment and the Territory (LM75); Forest and Environmental Sciences and Technologies (LM73); Nature Sciences, (LM60); Veterinary Medicine, (LM42) and/or related degrees obtained no more than 3 years from the date of publication of this call for applications.
- PhD students interested in biological and related subjects.

For degrees obtained at foreign universities, eligibility is evaluated by the examining board.

Specifically, the following participants will be selected:

- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at Univerza na Primorskem (UP) and Univerza na Nova Gorica for a total of 6 participants;
- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at the University of Padua (UniPD) for a total of 3 participants;
- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at the University of Udine (UniUD), University of Trieste (UniTS) for a total of 3 participants;

Art. 1.2 Host Organization

The students will be accommodated on board of "Goletta" or in facilities on land, depending on the location and weather conditions. The students will have to bear the costs of food and travel to the departure location



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of Goletta, while accommodation and expenses related to the various activities included in the program will be covered by the organization. For safety reasons, only 8 students will be hosted on board of Goletta, other 4 students will alternate in complementary activities. This rotation will also include overnight stays in Goletta and in facilities identified by the organization. Overnight stays other than these are the responsibility of the participant. The detailed program will be provided to the participants at the end of the selection.

Art. 1.3 Duration and period

The program will take place between the 8th and 14th of September 2024, sailing in the Northern Adriatic Sea and stopping overnight in the main ports.

The organization reserves the right to adapt the training activities to the weather and sea conditions and/or to reschedule the Summer School if such conditions make it impossible for the activity to take place for the entire planned period.

Art. 2 - Admission requirements and submission of applications

Art. 2.1 Eligibility Requirements

To participate in the selection, the candidate must meet the following requirements when submitting his/her application:

- Be duly enrolled in one of the previously mentioned universities and degree courses.
- Be in regular position with the payment of university fees.
- Have a good knowledge of the English language.

Students enrolled in single courses provided by the above-mentioned universities are NOT eligible.

Art. 2.2 Submission of the application

To apply for the program, students must submit:

- Application form duly signed (attached to this call for applications and also available at the link: <https://www.bca.unipd.it/news/termine/2>);
- *Curriculum Vitae* (in English);
- Copy of valid identity document;
- Motivation letter (in English);
- Other experience and qualifications relevant to the topics listed in the CV.

Documents must be submitted in PDF format in one of the following ways:



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- Hand-delivered directly to the Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA) - Teaching and Postgraduate Sector Viale dell'Università, 16 35020 Legnaro (PD), during the following hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Sent by registered mail with return receipt (the candidate must ensure that the application is received by the time and date indicated above).
- Sent by email to the following address: ricerca.bca@unipd.it.
- Sent by PEC (Posta Elettronica Certificata).

In the case of an Italian applicant preferring the PEC option, it should be sent to the following address:

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- by certified electronic mail (PEC), accompanied by a digital signature affixed to the same and to all documents in which the affixing of the autograph signature is envisaged in a traditional environment;
- by certified electronic mail (PEC) by transmitting a copy of the application signed in autograph form, together with a copy of the subscriber's identity document; all the documents in which the affixing of the handwritten signature is envisaged must be similarly transmitted in a signed copy. Copies of these documents must be scanned;
- Use the candidate's personal PEC ID (compliant with the regulations indicated in the DCPM of 27 September 2012) together with the relevant documentation. Static and non-directly modifiable formats, free of macro-instructions and executable codes, preferably PDF, must be used for the telematic submission of documents. Documents must not exceed 1MB in weight.

All applications must be submitted by 21/08/2024 hrs 23:59.

Applications may not be received by any other means and incomplete applications will be automatically excluded.

Art. 2.3 Selection Criteria

Applications will be selected by a Commission composed of 3 commissioners, one for each geographical area with relevant expertise.

The Commission will evaluate the applications and assign a ranking list for each geographical area.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Evaluation of the *Curriculum Vitae et studiorum*;
- 2) Motivational interview;
- 3) Other experience and qualifications inherent to the topics inferable from CV;



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4) Assessment of language skills inferable from CV and interview.

Candidates will be notified of the date of the motivational interview and how it will be conducted by e-mail by 23/08/2024.

Art. 2.4 Rankings

The ranking list and the provisions for accepting mobility will be published by 30/08/2024 at:

<https://www.bca.unipd.it/news/termine/2>

An email will also be sent to the winners who must confirm their acceptance of the assigned mobility. In the event of non-acceptance, the student will be believed to be withdrawn.

If the number of places available in each geographical area is not reached, the rankings in the other geographical areas will be filled. If the minimum number of participants (8 students) not be reached, the summer school will be canceled/rescheduled.

Art. 3 - Insurance

For health insurance coverage during a stay in countries of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, it is generally sufficient to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. Please note: students who are non-EU citizens registered with and dependent on the National Health Service cannot use the EHIC as it is not provided for by current EU legislation (Regulation EC 859/2003). They are therefore invited to contact their Local Health Company in any case.

The University of Padua will take care of accident and liability insurance coverage for students enrolled in the Summer School, which is also valid for those traveling abroad. More information on insurance coverage abroad can be found on the university website at: <https://www.unipd.it/assicurazione>.

The aforementioned insurances only cover accidents occurring during training and/or work placement activities.

Art. 4 - Final Provisions

Under Article 4 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, Ms. Benedetta-Elisa Bixio is hereby appointed Administrative Procedure Manager.

Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the records of the competition procedure by the procedures set out in Presidential Decree No. 184 of 12 April 2006 (Regulations governing access to administrative documents in compliance with Chapter V of Law 241/90).



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