

CALL FOR RESEARCH AWARDS

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM 2018

POLICY EVALUATION AND YOUNG INVESTIGATORS:

BUILDING A NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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ASSOCIAZIONE DI FONDAZIONI E CASSE DI RISPARMIO ITALIANE Spa (ACRI)

(Deadline for application: **22 JANUARY 2018**)

Thanks to a financial contribution received from Associazione di Fondazioni e Casse di Risparmio Spa (ACRI), full funding is available for 9 researcher positions, for:

- participating to the international conference CERUP 2018 “Challenges in Evaluating Regional and Urban Policy”, that will take place in Rome from 8 to 9 March 2018.
- spending a one-month period as visiting scientist in one of the leading Italian departments that agreed to participate to network.

The objective of these programs is to promote scientific research and collaboration among internationally-recognized research institutions and to encourage the mobility of young scientists. In particular, scholarships are designed to support the participation of young researchers, working in research centre abroad, to internationally-recognized research seminars and conferences organized by Italian research institutions. The ultimate purpose is to enable young researchers to establish and consolidate relationships with Italian research centres, with the aim of developing common research projects.

Who can apply?

Young researchers whose study focus on regional and urban sciences and methodologies applied to the impact evaluation of public policies, **aged up to 40 years (born from 1 January 1978) and affiliated to foreign institutions** are invited to submit an application for research projects to be carried out in Italian research centres. The successful candidates will be hosted for a period of at least **one month by one of the Italian Institutions in CERUP network list**.

What are the benefits for young researcher?

1. Offer to young and worthy researchers living abroad the opportunity to develop original and independent research projects in Italy
2. Identify and support the integration of young researchers in international research projects.
3. Provide the opportunity for young researchers to participate in a major international regional science conference focusing on public policy evaluation.
4. Encouraging research and debate on public policy evaluation.
5. Expand the scientific network of young researchers.
6. Stimulate cultural exchanges.

Why to apply?

Thanks to financial contribution of ACRI, CERUP offers 9 research grants (amount € 3000.00 for each European researcher and € 4000.00 for each non-European researcher) for young investigators wishing to carry out research on economic regional field. This funding will cover all the cost for one-month period in Italy and the registration for the CERUP 2018 conference. Selected candidate will develop a joint-research with hosting institution.

Research awards

	Young investigator from European Institution	Young investigator from not European Institution
Number of research awards	8	1
Research award cost	3,000 euros	4,000 euros
Total cost	24,000 euros	4,000 euros

How to apply?

Eligible candidates are required to apply by submitting the following documents:

1. Application Form
2. Curriculum vitae et studiorum;
3. Indication of two research centre from CERUP hosting institutions (annex 1);
4. The research proposal for the intended period as a Visiting Scholar;
5. List of publications;
6. A scanned copy of the passport, reporting personal details, i.e. photo and date of birth;
7. A reference letter (not mandatory);
8. A full paper or an abstract of poster presentation to be presented at CERUP 2018 conference.

Submission has to be sent to: cerup2018@gmail.com, with deadline at 10:00 pm GMT, January 22nd 2018.

Who will be awarded?

Awardees will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants based upon the academic carrier and the relevance of research projects by the selection board. Successful candidates will receive communication of the award no later than **8th February, 2018**.

Research grants are awarded by evaluation of titles and documentation on the basis of a score previously defined by the Selection Board, which takes into account the following points:

- Curriculum vitae et studiorum
- Publications
- Content of the research programme: validity and scientific originality of the proposal; feasibility of the project, relevance of expected results.

Selection Board

Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano

Marusca De Castris (co-chair), Università Roma Tre

Alessandra Faggian, Gran Sasso Science Institute

Guido Pellegrini (co-chair), Sapienza Università di Roma

Selection Board ensures that the ACRI Fund supports initiatives on the basis of the highest international standards of research excellence, and that funding decisions take into account areas of strength and relevance to CERUP network.

Awards announced

The selection board will formulate and make public the general ranking of merit. All participants will be informed of the outcome of the evaluation process. Applicants are notified of grant award via email provided in application.

Acceptance of research award

Within 15 days of the notification, the winners must send to the DISSE (Department of Social Sciences and Economics, Sapienza University of Rome) a letter of acceptance, indicating the period over which he/she intends to carry out the planned activity, as well as confirming participation in the CERUP 2018 conference, which is a condition to be eligible for the award. Non-compliance with these two points will result in non-disbursement of the cheque.

In the case of renunciation, the research grant or its remainder may be made available to the following persons competitors classified as eligible according to the ranking order.

Cheques are paid by the Acri Foundation's, subject to a declaration by the scientific manager of hosting institution proving the success of young investigator's visiting period.

Research awards are inclusive of the cost of an appropriate insurance policy (compulsory) against accidents to the person that may occur during the period of presence in the host research facilities, as well as for personal injury and things that the researcher should cause during the period of enjoyment of the research grant.

Contribution source and legal nature of the contribution

The total funds for the financed project amounted to 28,000 Euros (twenty-eight thousand/00 euro) and disbursed to the DISSE by the Acri Foundation of Rome.

The economic resources reserved for the single European/extra-European researcher are equal to 3,000.00/4,000.00 euro (three thousand/00- four thousand/00 euro) and will be disbursed by procedure to be agreed between Fondazione ACRI and DISSE. Individual researcher projects and contributions will be funded after the conclusion of the grant award.

The Acri Foundation, in relation to the DISSE, implements the liquidation of the project, subject to verification, as follows: Euro 14,000 (50% of the contribution) in advance of project implementation; Euro 14,000 (50% of the grant) at the end of the project.

The use of research grants does not constitute an employment relationship. The amount, less the cost of insurance cover, is subject to withholding taxes as required by law.

Rights and obligations

Researchers shall have access to research facilities in hosting institution. They are also required to comply with the regulations rules effective in the institution to which they are assigned.

At the end of the visiting period, beneficiaries are required to submit to Scientific Committee a scientific report on the activities carried out.

If the research results should be object of publication, the author must cite CERUP 2018 and ACRI in the text of the publication.

For more information: Contact cerup2018@gmail.com

ANNEX 1

CERUP 2018 network

Hosting institution and reference person

Hosting Institution	Reference Person	E-mail
Sapienza, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali ed Economiche, Roma	Guido Pellegrini	guido.pellegrini@uniroma1.it
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