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Evaluation procedure for the assignment of 2 research collaboration contracts for the project: “Academic Collaboration through Higher International Education for a Viable and Equitable Africa with ITaly” (ACHIEVE-IT) - Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza – PNRR finanziato dall’Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU – Missione 4 – Componente 1 “Potenziamento dell’offerta dei servizi all’istruzione: dagli asili nido all’università” – Investimento 3.4 “Didattica e competenze universitarie avanzate” - Sotto-investimento T4 “Iniziative Transnazionali in materia di istruzione”, finanziato dall’Unione europea NextGenerationEU - CUP D91I23001030006.

Given the Statute of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rectoral Decree of 24 October 1996, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

given the General University Regulations of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rectoral Decree of 26 October 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

given the Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241 of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility;

given the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), submitted to the European Commission on 30 April 2021 pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241, and approved by the ECOFIN Council Decision of 13 July 2021, notified to Italy by the General Secretariat of the Council with note LT161/21 of 14 July 2021, consisting of 6 missions and 16 components, and in particular Mission 4, Component 1 (M4C1) “Potenziamento dell’offerta dei servizi all’istruzione: dagli asili nido all’università”;

given the principles set out in Articles 5 and 9 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241;

given the cross-cutting principles provided for by Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241, with particular reference to the principle of gender equality and the principle of protection and empowerment of young people;

given the Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 defining environmental objectives, including the principle of “Do No Significant Harm” (DNSH), and the related European Commission Communication C (2021) 1054 final of 12 February 2021, entitled “Technical guidance on the application of the ‘do no significant harm’ principle under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation”;

given the Article 47 “Pari opportunità e inclusione lavorativa nei contratti pubblici, nel PNRR e PNC” of Decree-Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021, converted into Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021;

given the Director’s Decree No. 167 of 3 October 2023, Prot. No. 3138, entitled «Avviso per la concessione di finanziamenti destinati a iniziative educative transnazionali –in attuazione della sottomisura T4 “Iniziative





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Transnazionali in materia di istruzione”, Investimento 3.4 “Didattica universitaria e competenze avanzate” “Potenziamento dell’offerta dei servizi all’istruzione: dagli asili nido all’Università”, which promotes the implementation of transnational educational initiatives (TNE) funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU”;

given the Decree of Funding Admission No. 266 of 8 August 2024, concerning the admission to funding of the project, identified by Project Identification Code TNE23-00071, “Academic Collaboration through Higher International Education for a Viable and Equitable Africa with Italy”;

given its own Decree No. 6764 of 30 September 2020, entitled <<Modifiche al “Codice etico dell’Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore>>;

given the Gender Equality Plan (GEP) of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting of 14 April 2025 and by the Board of Directors at its meeting of 29 April 2025;

given the having regard to Legislative Decree No. 81/2015 and the relevant National Collective Agreement for Collaborators of non-state Universities signed on 10 December 2015.

Art. 1

Call for Applications

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore hereby announces a selection procedure for 2 collaboration contracts for the project **“Academic Collaboration through Higher International Education for a Viable and Equitable Africa with ITaly” (ACHIEVE-IT)** - Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza – PNRR finanziato dall’Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU – Missione 4 – Componente 1 “Potenziamento dell’offerta dei servizi all’istruzione: dagli asili nido all’università” – Investimento 3.4 “Didattica e competenze universitarie avanzate” - Sotto-investimento T4 “Iniziative Transnazionali in materia di istruzione”, finanziato dall’Unione europea NextGenerationEU - CUP D91I23001030006:

1. Profile 1:

Duration: 2 months from the date of signing.

Research Supervisor: Prof. Edoardo Puglisi.

Activities:

The collaborator will support the planning, organization and delivery of an international Winter School to be held in Nairobi, Kenya. The activities will include: (i) preparatory and operational planning of the event (e.g., definition of timelines and coordination of





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organizational tasks); (ii) management of participants/attendees, including collection and organization of registrations, handling of participant lists and operational communications, and assistance during the event; (iii) liaison and coordination with local structures/venues and relevant service providers for logistical and organizational arrangements; and (iv) general event management and operational support before, during and after the School, in close coordination with the project team and the University offices involved.

Location: at the Jomo Kenyatta University Of Agriculture And Technology in Kenya and at the venue of the event

2. Profile 2:

Duration: 2 months from the date of signing.

Research Supervisor: Prof. Edoardo Puglisi.

Activities:

The collaborator will support the planning, organization and delivery of an international Winter School to be held in Nairobi, Kenya. The activities will include: (i) preparatory and operational planning of the event (e.g., definition of timelines and coordination of organizational tasks); (ii) management of participants/attendees, including collection and organization of registrations, handling of participant lists and operational communications, and assistance during the event; (iii) liaison and coordination with local structures/venues and relevant service providers for logistical and organizational arrangements; and (iv) general event management and operational support before, during and after the School, in close coordination with the project team and the University offices involved.

Location: at the Jomo Kenyatta University Of Agriculture And Technology in Kenya and at the venue of the event

Art. 2 **Admission Requirements**

Eligible Candidates: The evaluation is open to scholars holding a bachelor's degree, master's degree (*laurea magistrale* or *specialistica*) or a degree obtained under the educational systems prior to Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999.

Scientific Background: Candidates must possess a scientific-professional curriculum suitable for carrying out the activities specified in the call for applications.

Possession of Requirements: All requirements and qualifications for admission must be held by the deadline for the submission of applications.

Incompatibilities:

Individuals subject to any of the causes of incompatibility established by the University's





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Code of Ethics are excluded from participating.

Individuals currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs (*laurea*, *specialistica*, or *magistrale*) in Italy or abroad are ineligible for the assignment of the contract.

Art. 3 Application Submission

Those wishing to participate in the evaluation procedure mentioned in Art. 1 **must submit their application (MOD. A – APPLICATION FORM) via e-mail to the address: project.Achieve-IT@unicatt.it.**

Required Documents: The application must follow "Form A" (Modello A) and include:

1. **A curriculum of the candidate's scientific and professional activities in the European format, duly signed;**
2. **A photocopy of a valid identification document -ID card.**

Email Subject: The email must include the following subject line: **CALL ACHIEVE-IT - Collaboration application.**

Deadline: Under penalty of exclusion, the application for admission and the relevant qualifications must be submitted no later than 12:00 PM on February 23, 2026.

Official Publication: The call is published on the University's website at: <https://ricerca.unicatt.it/ricerca-bandi-per-l-attuazione-dei-progetti>.

Art. 4 Application Content

In the application, candidates must clearly state:

1. Surname and first name;
2. Place and date of birth;
3. Place of residence;
4. Citizenship;
5. Criminal record: a declaration stating that they have no criminal convictions or, if any, the details of the relevant sentences and any pending criminal proceedings;
6. Public employment status: a declaration stating that they have not been dismissed from employment with a Public Administration for persistent poor performance





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and have not been declared disqualified from state employment, pursuant to Art. 127, letter d), of Presidential Decree no. 3 of January 10, 1957, as amended;

7. Absence of conflict of interest: a declaration stating that they are not subject to any of the causes of incompatibility set out in Art. 2 of this call;
8. Compliance with Ethics Code: a declaration stating that they are not in any of the positions of incompatibility provided for by the University's Code of Ethics.

The University Administration assumes no responsibility for any failed or late delivery of communications regarding the procedure due to causes not attributable to the Administration itself, but resulting from third-party actions, unforeseeable events, or force majeure.

Art. 5 Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is appointed by the Director of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Piacenza through an official communication.

Composition: The Committee is composed of three members, ensuring, where possible, a balanced representation of women and men.

Internal Roles: The Selection Committee shall identify a Chairperson and a Secretary from among its members

Art. 6 Evaluation of Candidates

Selection Process: The selection is based on the evaluation of the candidate's scientific and professional curriculum.

Scoring: The Selection Committee has a maximum of 30 points to award, distributed as follows:

- Up to 25 points: For the evaluation of the curriculum and its scientific relevance to the subject of this call;
- Up to 5 points: For scientific publications included in the curriculum.

Adherence to Criteria: The Selection Committee shall strictly adhere to these criteria when evaluating candidates.

Final Ranking: Upon completion of the process, the Committee shall draft official minutes containing the evaluation of each candidate and a specific ranking list.

Publication: The ranking list will be published on the University's website.





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Art. 7

Contract Award

The appointment is conferred by the Director of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Piacenza through the signing of a specific collaboration contract. The contract includes the specific elements provided for by Legislative Decree no. 81/2015 and is established in application of the National Collective Agreement for Collaborators of non-state Universities signed on December 10, 2015.

Art. 8

Contract duties

Contract holders are required to carry out the planned activities under the guidance of the professor in charge of the research activity. Furthermore, they are bound to respect the inspiring principles of the University Statutes and the University's Code of Ethics.

Art. 9

Certification of activity

At the end of the activity, in agreement with the research supervisor, the Collaborator shall submit a report detailing the results of the work performed.

Art. 10

Financial Terms

Profile 1: The collaboration fee is € 4.286,00 gross amount.

Profile 2: The collaboration fee is € 4.286,00 gross amount.

Tax and Social Security: The agreed compensation will be subject to the statutory withholdings required by current social security, welfare, and tax laws.

Additional Terms: No further charges, additional compensation, holiday pay, or severance indemnity shall accrue from this collaboration.

Art. 11

Termination of the Contractual Relationship

The contract shall be terminated prematurely in the event of failure to comply with the duties set out in Article 8.

Art. 12





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Processing of Personal Data

In accordance with current legislation on personal data protection and EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), the personal data provided by candidates will be collected by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, acting as the Data Controller, and processed for the purposes of managing the evaluation procedure and any subsequent recruitment process. The information notice regarding the processing of personal data provided for the selection procedure is available on the University website at <https://www.unicatt.it/privacy>.

Art. 13

Procedure Manager

The Manager of the procedure is Dr. Mario Cesare GATTI – Director of the Research and Development Area - Largo A. Gemelli, 1 - 20123 Milan (tel. 02/7234.3813 – e-mail: direzione.sede-mi@unicatt.it).

Art. 14

Transitional and Final Provisions

Project activities must comply with the principles and obligations consistent with the PNRR regulatory framework, including:

- **DNSH Principle:** The project proposal must be implemented in a way that does not harm environmental objectives, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852;
- **Climate and Digital Contribution:** Compliance with the "tagging" objectives identified by Art. 18, par. 4, letters e) and f) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241;
- **Equal Opportunities:** Compliance with gender and generational equality in PNRR and PNC public contracts, pursuant to Art. 47 of Decree-Law no. 77/2021.

The assignment of the collaboration contract does not constitute an employment relationship and does not grant any rights regarding access to permanent roles within the university.

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