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Sapienza funding schemes for supporting research activities

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University and National Calls Unit

The University and National Calls Unit, in collaboration with the specific committees, is responsible for drawing up the calls and managing the funding phases for:

- University Research
- Medium and Large Equipment
- Large Excavation
- Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

It supports the activities of the following committees:

- Research
- Scientific Equipment and Large Excavation
- Conventions and Conferences

It disseminates information and promotes educational and informational events for researchers and department referees on national research funding calls. It supports project presentations financed by the MIUR or by other national Bodies and administrations as well as the related reporting.

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Sapienza calls for proposals



Every year Sapienza launches 4 calls for proposals targeted to its researchers in order to support projects by **its own funds**, dealing with:

- Sapienza Research
- Purchase of Medium and Large research infrastructures
- Archeological Excavation
- Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

These competitive calls aim at funding the best proposals and foresee an evaluation process involving external referees.

Thanks to these calls Sapienza also intends to «train» its researchers and prepare them for future calls at an international level, according to the principles of European Charter for Researchers

A specific funding scheme of Sapienza Research Call for proposals is entirely targeted to young researchers, post-docs and PhD students.

General Information on the call for proposals Sapienza Research



The research schemes, eligible for funding, are:

- **Start-up research projects** specifically for PhDs and for post-docs
- **Medium* and Small Research Projects**
- **Large Research Projects***

***Part of the eligible costs may be devoted to fund post-doc positions**

Type	Eligible amount
start-up research projects (Type 1)	From € 1.000,00 to € 2.000,00
start-up research projects (Type 2)	From € 2.000,00 to € 4.000,00
Major Research Projects	From € 25.000,00 to € 50.000,00
Medium Research Projects	From € 10.000,00 to € 15.000,00
Small Research Projects	From € 3.000,00 to € 4.000,00
Research Grant	€ 23.787,00

Start-up research projects : more details

The aim is to promote the development of international careers, the scientific independence of young researchers and the research activities that they carry out.

➤ **Beneficiaries - NO age limits**

PhD students, Post-docs, research fellows

➤ **Eligible costs**

travel costs and conference attendance (even long-distance), fees of associations that allow the participation in seminars or training courses, costs of consumables, costs for the purchase of scientific instruments or equipment, scientific software and licenses to use scientific software, and costs of publication (including open access).

➤ **Evaluation criteria**

1. Knowledge of the state-of-the-art in the specific topic and methodological framework, novelty of the research

2. Clear goals, project feasibility, presentation quality

3. Proposer's scientific curriculum

The evaluation process

The call for proposals University research requires that the projects evaluation is carried out by the University Research Committee consisting of 36 members, who represent the different Macro areas of the University, also supported, in the case of Large scale projects, by external referees selected from national and international databases, according to principles of excellence, internationalization, interdisciplinarity and by assuring the transparency of the procedures

1. Scientific validity of proposed goals

2. Budget adequacy

3. Knowledge of the state-of-the-art in the specific topic and methodological framework

4. Novelty of the research, and its potential to produce an advancement of knowledge over the state of the art

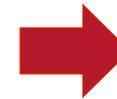
5. Expertise and scientific reputation of the coordinator in the specific field as shown by his/her publications listed in IRIS, evaluated according to the parameters provided for ASNs

6. Expertise, reputation, and adequacy of the research group in the field of research as reflected in its IRIS publications, evaluated according to the parameters provided for ASN, with regard to the numerosity of the group.

7. Clear goals and feasibility of the project, also in consideration of time commitments made by the proponent on other ongoing projects (as stated during the audits).



Evaluation by
External referees



Evaluation by
University
Research
Committee

Call for proposals Purchase of Medium and Large Research infrastructures



Type	Eligible amount (VAT included)	Proposing group structure
Medium Equipment – class 1	From € 30.000,00* to € 49.999,00	at least three members of the staff employed by the University, proposer included
Medium Equipment – class 2	From € 50.000,00 to € 74.999,00	at least four members of the staff employed by the University, proposer included
Medium Equipment – class 3	From € 75.000,00 to € 99.999,00	at least six members of the staff employed by the University, proposer included
Large Equipment	From € 100.000,00 up to a maximum of € 1.500.000,00	a proposer, at least two other co-proponents, at least 25 members of the staff employed by the University belonging to at least three Departments of two different Faculties
Equipment maintenance support Sapienza Research Infrastructure (SRI):	up to a maximum of € 50,000,00	

Focus on Equipment Maintenance Support



The requests for supporting the maintenance of Research Infrastructure equipment of Sapienza

- Are related to large or medium equipment funded in previous years by a University call
- Can not exceed 50% of the total cost of the intervention (including maintenance contracts).

Evaluation process

The call for the Medium and Major infrastructures requires that a **specially appointed committee**, composed of 7 members representative of the various macro-areas of the University, evaluates the projects.

For Class 3 Medium and Large infrastructures the evaluation is organized in two stages:

During the first stage, **external referees** provide an opinion on the project, using the blind peer review system. **They are selected from national and international databases, according to principles of excellence, internationalization, interdisciplinarity and by assuring the transparency of the procedures.**

The Commission then evaluates the projects and draws up a short list of those admitted to the public audits.

After the audits the Commission completes the assessment and draws up the final ranking list.

Archeological Excavations Call for proposals



The funding scheme supports researches in archaeology and geo-palaeontology, in Italy and abroad, that have achieved results of great international relevance.

The proposed project amounts range from a minimum of € 20.000,00 and a maximum of € 100.000,00.

- Applicants may be: professors and researchers
- The group proposing the project consists of at least 4 members, two of whom may be research assistants, doctoral students or Post-docs.

A **pecially appointed Commission**, which also includes the **participation of external members**, will evaluate the projects against the **following evaluation criteria**:

1. submitted publications that are related to the topic of the application
2. financial adequacy of the request according to the type of excavation, taking into account any residual funding for the same excavation from university calls in previous years
3. Size and composition of the group proposing the project according to the financial request and to the activity plan expected
4. scientific assessment of the overall project

Call for Conferences, Seminars and Workshops



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It aims to finance proposals related to the **organization of conferences, seminars and workshops, with national and/or international relevance, high quality of the program** as well as of the speakers' scientific and cultural profile.

The projects must detail the goals of the action, the budget and the impact on the territory, in terms of scientific culture dissemination and knowledge transfer, in order to promote the cultural growth of society, according to the activities of public engagement and third mission of the University.

The duration of the projects is 24 months.

There are **two funding schemes**:

- Projects between 1,600.00 and 5,000.00 euros
- Projects of a maximum grant of € 6.000,00 each. These projects need to be specifically focused on the enhancement and international visibility of Sapienza, but they can also be used to finance the organization at Sapienza of conferences with a strong international impact, which can strengthen the University's visibility and ability to attract and network.

Call for Conferences, Seminars and Workshops: eligible costs

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- travel and accommodation for speakers;
- simultaneous translation;
- conference communication and dissemination;
- Administrative costs (costs for services and software for on-line, live and on-demand events are included);
- publication, even in digital mode, translation and printing of the conference proceedings



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