



**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SELECTION PROCEDURE**

**PUBLIC SELECTION PROCEDURE, BY QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERVIEW, FOR RECRUITING ONE CONTRACT RESEARCHER, PURSUANT ARTICLE NO. 22 OF ITALIAN LAW N. 240/2010 - ACADEMIC RECRUITMENT GROUP: 05/BIOS-05 ECOLOGY, ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: BIOS-05/A ECOLOGY (BCR15)**

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**Deadline: February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 11:59 p.m.**

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Rector Decree	127/2026
Procedure Code	BCR15
Title of the contract	<b>“Evaluating the impacts of plastic pollution on community structure and functioning in aquatic ecosystems”</b> for the project “AWARE: Assessing plastic as a neW component of Aquatic ecosystems in the anthRopocenE” - Programma del Ministero dell’Università e della Ricerca (MUR) – Fondo Italiano per la Scienza (FIS) - CUP J53C25000600001
Position	 <p>Number of positions: 1 Duration: 24 months Department: Theoretical and Applied Sciences Academic Recruitment Group (GSD): 05/BIOS-05 <b>ECOLOGY</b> Academic Discipline (SSD): BIOS-05/A ECOLOGY Place of service: Università degli Studi dell’Insubria – via Valleggio, 9 - Como - Italy Scientific Responsible: Dott. Gilberto Binda Maximum number of published works to be attached in the application: 12 Required foreign language: NO <b>The interview is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held online by Microsoft Teams.</b></p>





	<p><b>The publication of the above exam schedule constitutes official notification for all purposes.</b> The candidate's absence on the day of the interview will be considered as a manifestation of their will to withdraw from the selection procedure.</p>
Description of the research project and the specific functions on which the post-doctoral contract holder will be engaged	<p>This project will investigate the role of plastic in mediating biological dispersal and altering microbial community assembly in aquatic ecosystems. More specifically, it will assess how biofouled plastics influence germination, dispersal, and community composition of phytoplankton and benthic organisms, with a focus on algae.</p> <p>The research will be conducted through controlled microcosm and mesocosm experiments, combining environmental and reference plastic substrates. Community composition will be analyzed using DNA-based techniques, alongside chlorophyll fluorescence and optical microscopy. Functional traits of biofilms will be characterized through enzymatic activities, extracellular polymeric substances, and photosynthetic efficiency. The project aims to elucidate previously unexplored ecological implications of plastic accumulation in sediments and water columns.</p>
Salary	<p>The salary is in accordance with the provisions of the D.P.R. 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011, n. 232 (Regulation for professors and researchers' salaries).</p> <p>The salary for research contract amounts to € 39.224,28 per year, gross to the recipient.</p>
Admission requirements	<p>Candidates holding a PhD or equivalent qualification, obtained in Italy or abroad.</p> <p>Candidates enrolled in the third year of a PhD course may also be admitted to the selection, provided that the degree is expected to be obtained by the mandatory deadline of six months of the date of publication of the selection notice, under penalty of forfeiture of the right to award the contract of research.</p> <p>Candidates, who find themselves in one or more of the following situations, are excluded from participation in the selection procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Those who are not entitled to exercise civil and political rights;</li><li>2. Those who have been dismissed or relieved from office with a Public Administration for consistently poor performance or declared lapsed for having obtained the appointment or hiring through the production of false or invalid documents or dismissed;</li></ol>



	<p>3. Those who have a tenured position at a university, public research institution or an institution whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD, in accordance with art.74 of Italian Presidential Decree of July 11 1980, no.382;</p> <p>4. Those who have a degree of kinship or affinity up to and including the fourth degree with a professor belonging to the Department proposing the activation of the contract or to the Rector, the General Director or a member of the Board of Governors of the University;</p> <p>5. Those who have used fixed-term researcher contracts pursuant to Article 24 of Italian Law 240/2010;</p> <p>6. Those who exceed, with the two-year research contract referred to in this announcement, the maximum overall duration of 5 years, pursuant to art. 22, paragraph 2, of Law no. 240/2010, even if the contracts have been stipulated with different institutions.</p> <p>This Administration guarantees fairness and equal opportunity to men and women in access to employment and employment conditions.</p>
Application for the selection procedure	<p>To participate in the selection, candidates must submit their application only using the procedure available on the web at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/uninsubria/">https://pica.cineca.it/uninsubria/</a> otherwise they will be excluded from the selection.</p> <p>The application may be filled via web using any computer with Internet connection within the deadline.</p> <p>You need to complete the application by completing all required fields and attaching all required files.</p> <p>The application form, which must be signed, <b>under penalty of exclusion</b>.</p> <p>Candidates are responsible for ensuring that their application contains the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. their name and surname, date and place of birth;</li><li>2. their citizenship;</li><li>3. that they have not been convicted of a crime nor are they aware of being subject to criminal proceedings or of any pending criminal proceedings against them;</li><li>4. that they enjoy full political rights, giving the name of the municipality whose electoral roll they are registered on to vote, or the reasons for which they are not registered or for which they have been removed from the roll;</li></ol> <p>candidates who are citizens of foreign countries must declare that they enjoy full political and civil rights in their</p>



	<p>home country or declare the reason why they do not enjoy these rights;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. that they have not been dismissed from office with a Public Administration for consistently poor performance nor from a civil service job in accordance with Art. 127, section (d) of Pres. Decree no. 3/1957;</li><li>6. domicile (address, phone number email or pec address) that they choose for the purposes of the application;</li><li>7. that they are not related by blood up to the “fourth degree of kinship” (as understood in Italian, e.g. up to cousins and cousins of the candidate’s spouse) to the Rector, the university’s Managing Director, a member of the university’s Board of Governors or a Professor working at the Department that proposed the activation of the contract;</li><li>8. that they are in possession of the requirements admission indicated in the selection call;</li><li>9. that they not be employed on a permanent basis at a university, public research institution or an institution whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to a PhD, in accordance with art.74 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 382/1980;</li><li>10. that they not have used fixed-term researcher contracts pursuant to Article 24 of Italian Law 240/2010;</li><li>11. to be aware that all communications to candidates will take place by publication on the institutional website of the University and that such publication has the value of notification to all intents and purposes.</li></ol> <p>Candidates with disabilities, pursuant to Law no. 104/1992, pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 80/2021 converted into Law no. 113/2021, and for specific learning disorders, pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 80/2021 converted into Law no. 113/2021, may state in their application the support service needed, in relation to their handicap, as well as the possible need for additional time for the completion of tests. Candidates should attach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);</li><li>2. copy of Italian fiscal code (if available);</li><li>3. project proposal relating to the development of the research project on which the candidate will be involved and for which the procedure has been activated (the document must contain max 5000 characters including spaces);</li></ol>
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Scientific Publications	<p>Candidates must upload their publications in .pdf of the capacity of 30 MB each one. If your publication exceeds 30 MB, you can split it following the number order in your publications list (attached B) e.g. publication n. 1 – title – part n. 1 etc.</p> <p>Published works not uploaded within the closing date shall not be taken into consideration by the Examining Board.</p> <p>If a candidate presents more publications than required, the Examining Board will evaluate the publications them according to the order of insertion, up to the limit provided.</p> <p>For the purposes of this selection procedure only published works or texts accepted for publication as provided under current standards shall be accepted for evaluation, along with essays in anthologies and journal articles published in hard copy or digital format excluding internal notes or departmental reports. Publications must take into account the current legislation regarding editorial activity and copyright.</p> <p>The doctoral thesis or equivalent qualifications are taken into consideration even in the absence of such conditions. If the</p>



	<p>candidate intends to present it, he/she must count it in the maximum limit of publications, where provided for in Annex 1a for the procedure in which he/she intends to participate. Publications must be edited in Italian, French, English, German and Spanish. In case of procedures in linguistic subjects, it is also admitted the relative language mentioned in the announcement.</p> <p>The University can carry out controls and ask for the original papers and publications.</p> <p><b>It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure, before completing the application, that all qualifications and publications have been uploaded by checking the "Attachments" section of the PICA online procedure.</b></p>
Exclusion from the competition	Candidates are conditionally admitted to the selection procedure. The exclusion, due to lack of the requirements on the expiry date, can be ordered at any time. The exclusion is ordered by motivated Rector's decree and is notified to the person concerned.
Examining Commission	<p>The Commission is identified in accordance with the provisions of the University Regulation governing the public selection procedures for research contract and is appointed by a Rector's Decree, published online on the University website.</p> <p>The Commission is composed of three members active in the research area which include the Academic Recruitment Field in this selection procedure.</p> <p>Gender representation should be normally guaranteed in the establishment of the commission, in accordance with the Recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities n. 251/2005 (on the European Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers).</p> <p>For further details please see the original Italian version of the announcement.</p>
Further information	If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact us: e-mail: <a href="mailto:reclutamento.docenti@uninsubria.it">reclutamento.docenti@uninsubria.it</a> indicating in the subject: <i>Research contract - procedure code BCR15</i> phone numbers: +39 0332 21 9182-9183-9185-9186
University Regulation	<a href="#"><u>Regolamento per il conferimento dei contratti di ricerca ai sensi dell'art. 22 della legge n. 240/2010</u></a>