



ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

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d i S a n P a o l o

1. ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI - COMPAGNIA DI SAN PAOLO GRANTS

1.1. The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and the Compagnia di San Paolo have instituted two scientific grants, the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei-Compagnia di San Paolo Grants (hereinafter ANL-CSP Grants), to support the development of talented scientists and their activity in Italy. The two grants, one in the field of neurosciences and one in the field of nanotechnologies, are conferred each year. The amount of each grant is Euro 100,000.

1.2. Each grant is conferred by a Committee of internationally renowned scientists in charge of selecting the winners. It is composed of 5 members, 3 of them nominated by the President's Council of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and 2 by the Management Committee of the Compagnia di San Paolo. The members of the Committee and the members of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei are not eligible for the grants.

1.3. The ANL-CSP Grants provide support for independent scientists at an agreed host institute in Italy. Their purpose is to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. At the same time, it is hoped that the grants will provide an incentive for Italian research institutes to strengthen their departments by providing a sufficiently attractive package to invite applications from the best possible candidates.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Candidates must have the following prerequisites:

- a) be young, emerging scientists with demonstrated productivity and the capacity to function as an independent researcher.
- b) have a minimum of 3 years postdoctoral research experience in neurosciences or in nanotechnologies respectively (of which at least two years abroad) and be no more than 10 years beyond their Ph.D.

c) be researchers not currently living in Italy who wish to enter the Italian research community.

d) have an agreement for the development of a novel research area in a suitable host institution in Italy.

2.2. Applications from candidates who have a pre-existing appointment at an Italian host institute will not be considered.

3. FUNDING

3.1. Appointments are ratified early each year by the Committee. Grant winners have one month to accept or decline and to state categorically when they will be moving to Italy to take up the grant which must be within 12 months of notification of the grant.

3.2. Funding will be allotted as follows. Euro 40,000 will cover the scholar's salary while Euro 60,000 are reserved for research supplies, administrative support required for the program, etc.

3.3. The host institute must provide the basic facilities, equipment, and infrastructure necessary to carry out the proposed research.

3.4. A candidate nominated for an ANL-CSP Grant may not hold this grant concurrently with another grant also designed to assist in establishing the scientist at a host institute in Italy. Should the candidate find him/herself in the position of being offered an ANL-CSP Grant and a similar grant from another organization within a period of eight months after the ANL-CSP Grant application deadline, the candidate must choose between the two grants.

4. EVALUATION AND REPORTING

4.1. Grant recipients will provide the Committee with an annual progress report, including a financial report, and a brief summary of their research activity.

4.2. To apply for a renewal (up to two further years) of funding, a detailed description of all work accomplished and in progress as a result of the ANL-CSP Grant must be submitted to the Committee at the end of the first year. A report from the host institute will also be required at this time. If the funding is renewed, a final report from both the grant recipient and the host institute must be provided at the end of the renewal period. Reports will describe publications, other support from research grants or contracts, honors and awards, professional activities, and other

information helpful in evaluating the impact of the program on the scientific achievement of the individual.

4.3. Grantees will be invited to take part in relevant Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei-Compagnia di San Paolo Symposia during the whole term of the Grant.

4.4. The ANL-CSP Grant should be acknowledged in all publications emanating from research carried out during the grant period.

5. APPLICATION

5.1. Application deadline is 1 October of each year. Applications must be submitted on-line between mid-August and 1 October. Applicants should note that shortlisted candidates might be required to attend an interview in Rome in November. The interview will be an informal dialogue about the candidate's work and aspirations and will not take the form of a presentation.

5.2. Each application must contain, in the following order:

1. Application form.
2. Curriculum vitae; CV must include university grades for all degrees.
3. List of publications.
4. Description of previous research and where it was conducted (2 pages).
5. Narrative and bibliography: the proposed research must be described in English in sufficient detail to enable the Committee to appraise it, including the following sections:
 - Introduction: a brief summary of preliminary work or other background material.
 - Objectives: a description of what is to be accomplished during the research period including an explanation of why the candidate considers this is important for the advancement of this scientific area.
 - Scope of research: a summary of the design and methodologies to be applied.
 - Host institution: a short summary of the academic record of the proposed host institute and an explanation of why the project should be conducted in that particular host institute.

- Bibliography: list publications separately to 5-page narrative.

6. Detailed budget outlining personnel, equipment, travel, supplies, meeting costs, overhead and taxes, if relevant.

7. Other Support: all other support, active and pending, must be documented indicating principal investigator, sponsor, title of project and grant dates.

8. Three letters of reference. These letters must be sent directly from the referee via e-mail to ufficio.premi@lincei.it by the 1 October deadline. If the letter is printed on letterhead, signed and scanned, an e-mail is sufficient, otherwise, a signed paper copy should also be sent to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei - Ufficio Premi or can be faxed to +39 06 689 3616.

9. Letter of intent from the host institute. This should confirm the institute's full support and encouragement of independent scientific research in general and the applicant in particular. The letter should be sent by the department head to ufficio.premi@lincei.it via e-mail within the 1st October deadline and in copy to the applicant. Here again, the applicant should send a signed copy on institute letterhead, either scanned and sent via email, or faxed to +39 06 689 3616 or mailed to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei - Ufficio Premi. The applicant should be fully in agreement with the contents of the letter which should:

clearly state that the host institute offers the basic facilities to allow the candidate to carry out his/her project and include a description of these facilities;

indicate why the department head wishes to have the applicant work in his/her department;

illustrate how this research, while remaining independent, complements the other work done in the host institute;

confirm that the department is willing to take on the administrative responsibilities involved in accepting the grant;

confirm that the host institute and the applicant are in complete agreement as to the terms under which the applicant would take up a position at the host institute, including benefits, position, ranking, and responsibilities.