



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT  
UNESCO CHAIR ON INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMPARATIVE LAW**

**Art. 1  
Call**

1. The University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza is launched a comparative evaluation procedure, based on qualifications and an interview, for 1 research assignment aimed at introducing young scholars to research and innovation under the supervision of a scientific supervisor. Candidates must hold a Master's degree (equivalent to the Italian "Laurea magistrale") obtained no more than six years earlier and have a curriculum suitable for assisting in the performance of research activities, pursuant to Article 22-ter of the Italian Law No. 240/2010:

Duration	12 months
Gross amount payable to the recipient	EUR 22,500.00
Scientific supervisor	Professor Pier Luigi Petrillo
Scientific-Disciplinary Group	12/GIUR-11
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GIUR-11/B Comparative Public Law
Title of the research project	Legal instruments for safeguarding ICH from a comparative perspective
Subject of the activity	The UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Comparative Law of UnitelmaSapienza University, under the supervision of Professor Pier Luigi Petrillo, carries out intensive research, training and scientific support activities for Italian and foreign communities in processes of awareness of intangible cultural heritage. In this context, the assignee shall conduct research on legal safeguards for intangible cultural heritage by examining the legal systems of the countries that have ratified the 2003 UNESCO Convention. The research shall also highlight the effectiveness of those instruments in protecting the right to cultural identity of individuals, Indigenous peoples and minority communities, also taking into account international, European and national case law. The assignee shall conduct the research in accordance with the scientific guidance of the Chair holder.
Academic qualifications and curriculum requirements	Applications will not be accepted from candidates who do not meet the following



	<p>criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Holding a Master's degree ("Laurea Magistrale" or equivalent) in Law (LMG/01), International Relations (LM-52), Political Science (LM-62), Public Administration Sciences (LM-63), Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology (LM-1), awarded by Italian universities, or an equivalent qualification awarded by foreign universities,</li><li>2. Having obtained the above Master's degree <b>within the six years preceding the deadline</b> for submitting applications for admission to the selection,</li><li>3. Having a scientific and professional curriculum suitable for assisting in the performance of the planned research activity,</li><li>4. Having excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of another language (other than Italian in case of Italian nationality).</li></ol>
Place where the assignment will be carried out	Rome (Italy) University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza - Department of Law and Digital Society
Deadline for submission of expressions of interest	20 days starting from the day following the publication of this call on the University's online notice board.

### **Art. 2**

#### **Duration and renewal of the research assignment**

1. The research assignment is awarded for a **duration of 12 months** and may possibly be renewed with the same assignee up to a **maximum total duration of three years**, including non-continuous periods, as provided by Article 22-ter of Law No. 240/2010. For the purpose of calculating the maximum duration, periods spent on maternity leave, paternity leave or leave for health reasons, in accordance with the legislation in force, shall not be counted.
2. Renewal, under the same conditions as the original contract, must be approved by the Department Council, at the request of the scientific supervisor, after the availability of funds to cover the contract has been verified. Renewal, ordered by Rector's Decree, is subject to a positive assessment by the scientific supervisor of the activity carried out, as well as to the actual availability of funds in the budget.
3. In any event, should the UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Comparative Law of UnitelmaSapienza not be confirmed by UNESCO for the four-year period 2027-2031, the assignment shall cease and the contract shall be deemed automatically terminated.

### **Art. 3**

#### **Funding source**

1. The cost for covering the research assignment shall be charged to the "Research Grants" item of the University Budget 2026-2029.



#### **Art. 4**

##### **Requirements for participation**

1. Candidates who meet the following requirements may participate in the selection:
  - a) a Master's degree obtained no more than six years earlier in Law (LMG/01), International Relations (LM-52), Political Science (LM-62), Public Administration Sciences (LM-63), Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology (LM-1), awarded by Italian universities, or an equivalent qualification awarded by foreign universities;
  - b) a scientific and professional curriculum suitable for assisting in the performance of the planned research activity;
  - c) excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of a second language (other than Italian in case of Italian nationality).
2. The requirements for participation in the procedure must be met by the deadline for this expression of interest, referred to in Article 1.
3. For candidates holding a Master degree awarded abroad, obtained no more than six years earlier, the Selection Committee shall assess its equivalence in terms of nature, level and disciplinary correspondence to the qualification indicated above, solely for the purposes of awarding this assignment.
4. In order to achieve the objectives set out in the University Strategic Plan 2026-2028, and in consideration of the international nature of the UNESCO Chair and of the type of research and training activities it carries out, knowledge of Italian, assessed during the interview, shall constitute a preferential qualification only in case of equal evaluation between different candidates.
5. Persons who have held contracts referred to in Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, as well as permanent staff members of the institutions referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 22 of the same law, may not participate in this selection procedure.

#### **Art. 5**

##### **Application and deadline for submission**

1. The application for participation in the selection, drawn up according to **the attached form** and accompanied by qualifications and any publications, must be sent from a certified e-mail address to the certified e-mail address **unitelmasapienza@pec.it** within the mandatory deadline of **20 days starting from the day following publication of this call on the University's online notice board**. Only applications received within that deadline shall therefore be considered. If the application deadline falls on a public holiday, it shall expire on the following day.
2. The application and all supporting documentation, including qualifications and publications, must be **signed** by the applicant and sent from the candidate's certified e-mail address to the certified e-mail address referred to in the preceding paragraph exclusively in PDF format.
3. In the application addressed to the Magnificent Rector of the University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza, Piazza Sassari 4, 00161 Rome, the candidate must declare, under their own responsibility pursuant to Article 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure:
  - a) surname and name;
  - b) date and place of birth;
  - c) place of residence;
  - d) tax identification code;
  - e) residence;
  - f) citizenship;
  - g) if an Italian citizen, registration on the electoral rolls, indicating the municipality, or the reasons for non-registration or removal from the same; or, if not an Italian citizen, a declaration of enjoyment of civil and political rights in the State of citizenship or origin, or of non-enjoyment of such rights, indicating the reasons;



- h) that they have never had any criminal convictions;
- i) that they have not been removed or dismissed, nor declared to have forfeited, from employment with a Public Administration;
- j) that they are not a tenured employee of universities, institutions and public research and experimental bodies, the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI), nor of institutions whose scientific specialization diploma has been recognized as equivalent to the PhD pursuant to Article 74, fourth paragraph, of Presidential Decree No. 382 of 11 July 1980;
- k) that they have not held contracts referred to in Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 2010;
- l) that they have not held research contracts, post-doctoral assignments or research assignments pursuant to Articles 22, 22-bis and 22-ter of Law No. 240/2010, even if awarded by other institutions, for a period that, when added to the expected duration of the assignment referred to in this call, exceeds a total of 11 years, including non-continuous periods;
- m) that they are not related by blood or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, to a professor belonging to the University issuing the selection call, or to the Rector, the General Director or a member of the University Board of Directors;
- n) that they meet the requirements set out in Article 4, indicating the exact date on which the degree was awarded;
- o) that they wish to receive all communications relating to the comparative evaluation procedure at the certified e-mail address from which the application for participation was sent.

#### **Art. 6**

##### **Attachments to the application**

1. The candidate must attach to the application referred to in Article 7, under penalty of inadmissibility:
  - a) the curriculum vitae of their scientific and professional activity, dated and signed;
  - b) the self-certification relating to the academic qualifications held, both those required for participation in the selection and any additional qualifications deemed useful for evaluation purposes, indicating the institution that awarded them and the date on which they were obtained;
  - c) for degrees awarded abroad, if already declared equivalent, the relevant certification must be attached; otherwise, certificates relating to the academic qualifications awarded abroad, drawn up in English and/or French, must be attached;
  - d) the scientific publications, up to a maximum of 3, deemed useful for this selection procedure, scanned in PDF format and accompanied by a specific declaration in lieu of affidavit attesting their conformity to the original (pursuant to Article 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000);
  - e) a copy of a valid identity document.
2. The Administration assumes no responsibility for inaccurate information provided by the candidate or for any technical or IT problems in the submission of the application.

#### **Art. 7**

##### **Exclusion of candidates**

1. Incomplete completion of the application or receipt of the application after the mandatory deadline referred to in Article 5 above shall result in the candidate's exclusion ipso iure from the comparative evaluation procedure.



### **Art. 8**

#### **Appointment of the Selection Committee**

1. The Selection Committee, appointed by the Rector, shall be composed of the scientific supervisor of the research assignment referred to in Article 1 of this Decree and two professors or researchers holding positions at UnitelmaSapienza or at another Italian or foreign university, belonging to the Scientific-Disciplinary Group indicated in Article 1 of this Decree and identified by the Department Council that requested the activation of the research assignment after the selection call has been issued.

### **Art. 9**

#### **Conduct of the comparative evaluation procedure**

1. The selection shall be carried out through a comparative evaluation of the qualifications, any publications and a curriculum suitable for assisting in the performance of the research activity covered by the selection. The evaluation of the qualifications, any publications and the curriculum shall be supplemented by a public interview aimed at assessing the candidates' aptitude for research as well as their knowledge of foreign languages.

2. The evaluation criteria shall be determined by the Selection Committee and shall include the following items:

- a) final mark for the Master's degree or equivalent qualification;
- b) any other academic qualifications obtained by the candidate in addition to the degree;
- d) relevance and significance of the research activities previously carried out, as well as any work experience, in relation to the content of the research programme covered by the selection;
- c) relevance of the publications submitted to the research programme covered by the selection;
- d) aptitude for research on the topics covered by the research programme, assessed through the oral interview;
- e) excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of another foreign language, assessed through the interview.

3. The Committee may also decide to operate online. During the preliminary meeting, the Committee shall establish the criteria for evaluating the qualifications, curricula, publications submitted and the oral interview. Following the preliminary evaluations, all candidates shall be admitted to the interview.

4. The interview, which shall be conducted in English, shall take place at the premises of the University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza, unless the Committee decides to conduct it online. During the interview, the Committee shall verify the candidate's ability to address the topics covered by the research programme and shall assess their excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of another foreign language.

5. The interview session shall be public and shall be communicated to the interested parties exclusively at the certified e-mail address from which the application for participation in the comparative evaluation procedure was sent. In order to sit the above-mentioned tests, candidates must have a valid identity document.

6. Candidates shall be summoned to the oral interview at least **5 days** before the date on which it is to be held.

7. The Committee's acts shall consist of the minutes of the individual meetings, of which the assessments, scores assigned to each candidate and the reasons for selecting the successful candidate shall form an integral part. Upon completion of its work, the Committee shall deliver the aforementioned acts to the Officer responsible for the procedure.



#### **Art. 10**

##### **Selection outcomes**

1. Upon completion of its work, the Committee shall declare, by majority vote of its members, the candidate suitable to perform the required scientific functions. The Committee's acts are approved, following verification of their administrative regularity, by Rector's Decree, which also orders the appointment of the successful candidate. The measure approving the competition acts is published on the University online notice board, together with the Committee's minutes.
2. After declaring the successful candidate, and taking into account the scores assigned to each candidate according to what was decided when setting the evaluation criteria, the Committee shall draw up a list of suitable candidates for the purposes of Article 2, paragraph 4 of this call.

#### **Art. 11**

##### **Signing of the contract**

1. The University shall summon the successful candidate in order to proceed with the signing of the contract. At the time of signing the contract, the successful candidate must submit the following documentation:
  - a) identity document;
  - b) tax identification code;
  - c) residence permit for reasons compatible with the research assignment (only for non-EU citizens).
2. Citizens who are not nationals of a European Union Member State must hold one of the residence permits provided for by the legislation in force on immigration in order to sign the research assignment contract with the University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza. Therefore, the contract may not be signed if the successful candidate does not hold the appropriate residence permit required for its signing. Should this condition arise, the above-mentioned candidate shall be declared to have forfeited the appointment and the contract shall be signed with another suitable candidate in ranking order. Verification of this condition shall be carried out at the time the contract is signed.
3. Loss of possession of the residence permit required for the establishment and continuation of the activity covered by the contract shall constitute grounds for termination of the contract if such loss occurs after the contract has been signed.

#### **Art. 12**

##### **Performance of the assignment**

1. The holder of the assignment is required to carry out the activity provided for in the contract and has the right, for this purpose, to use the facilities and equipment of the relevant Department.
2. The activity must be carried out in accordance with the research programme and with the instructions issued by the scientific supervisor, who is responsible for verifying it.
3. At the conclusion of the assignment, its holder must submit to the Department of affiliation a final report on the activity carried out within the project and on the results achieved.

#### **Art. 13**

##### **Economic, tax, social security and insurance treatment**

1. The research assignments referred to in this Article shall be governed, for tax purposes, by the provisions of Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984; for social security purposes, by the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995; with regard to compulsory maternity leave, by the provisions of the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007; and, with regard to sick leave, by Article 1, paragraph 788, of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006. During the period of compulsory maternity leave, the allowance paid by the National Social Security Institute (INPS)



pursuant to Article 5 of the aforementioned Decree of 12 July 2007 shall be supplemented by the University up to the full amount of the remuneration for the research assignment.

2. The University shall also provide insurance coverage against accidents at work and occupational diseases and civil liability.

#### **Art. 14**

##### **Prohibition of cumulation and incompatibilities**

1. The research assignment is not compatible with attendance at bachelor's degree, specialist degree or Master's degree courses, PhD programmes or medical specialization programmes, in Italy or abroad, without prejudice to the possibility of implementing specific European Union research funding programmes within the actions linked to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) programme.

2. The research assignment is not compatible with PhD scholarships or other scholarships awarded for any reason by national or foreign institutions, except where these are intended for international mobility for research purposes.

3. Research assignments are not compatible with research contracts referred to in Article 22 of Law No. 240/2010, with post-doctoral assignments referred to in Article 22-bis of Law No. 240/2010 or with contracts referred to in Article 24 of Law No. 240/2010, and may not be held simultaneously by the same holder.

4. The holder of the research assignment may carry out self-employment activities only with the prior authorization of the Department Council, upon a reasoned opinion of the scientific supervisor and after verifying that such activity is:

- a) compatible with and, in any event, not prejudicial to the performance of the activity provided for in the research assignment;
- b) not such as to create a conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out.

#### **Art. 15**

##### **Suspension of the contract**

1. The research activity must be suspended in the event of maternity. In such case, the provisions of the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007, as subsequently amended and supplemented, shall apply. The period of compulsory suspension for maternity shall be recovered upon the natural expiry of the contract, in accordance with the legislation in force.

2. The research activity may be suspended in the event of serious illness or serious family reasons and, in such case, the periods of suspension may be recovered at the end of the natural expiry of the contract, by agreement with the scientific supervisor and within the limits imposed by the available funding.

3. In the case of maternity leave, sick leave and other cases of absence, reference shall be made to the provisions of Article 22-ter, paragraph 6, of Law No. 240/2010.

4. In any event, the suspension measure shall be ordered by decree of the Director of the Department of affiliation.

#### **Art. 16**

##### **Termination of the contract**

1. If the holder of the research assignment does not continue the activity provided for in the research programme without justified reason or is responsible for repeated breaches, the contract may be terminated pursuant to Articles 1453 et seq. of the Civil Code, upon reasoned request of the scientific supervisor and by resolution of the Department Council.

2. The annulment of the selection procedure, as well as the clause provided for in paragraph 3 of Article 2 of this call, shall constitute a condition subsequent of the contract, without any obligation of notice.



3. Any other cause of termination of the relationship shall be governed by the legal provisions in force on the matter.

4. The termination measure shall be ordered by Rector's Decree.

**Art. 17  
Withdrawal**

1. The holder of the research assignment who intends to withdraw from the contract must give written notice to the Director of the Department and to the scientific supervisor of the research project, with at least fifteen days' notice. Failure to give such notice shall result in the withholding of the remuneration corresponding to the period of notice not given.

**Art. 18  
Processing of personal data**

1. Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, candidates are hereby informed that their data, relating to identifying and contact information, educational background, professional and academic experience and any criminal convictions, shall be processed by the University of Rome "UnitelmaSapienza", as Data Controller, for the purpose of managing the selection process and the related and consequent legal obligations. The information collected shall be processed both in paper and electronic format for the pursuit of the aforementioned purpose.

2. The data may be communicated to the persons or entities used by the Data Controller for the selection procedures, duly appointed as authorized persons or processors.

3. The Data Controller is the University of Rome "UnitelmaSapienza", with registered office at Piazza Sassari 4 – 00161 Rome, and the contact person, for the purposes of exercising the rights referred to in Article 15 et seq. of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, may be reached at the e-mail address [info@slcdpo.it](mailto:info@slcdpo.it).

**Art. 19  
Officer responsible for the procedure**

1. The officer responsible for the procedure subject to the evaluation procedure is Dr Davide Bartoli ([davide.bartoli@unitelmasapienza.it](mailto:davide.bartoli@unitelmasapienza.it)), Contracts, Agreements and Legal Services Office, UnitelmaSapienza, Piazza Sassari 4, 00161 Rome.

  
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