

Program Description and Activities to be Assigned to the Scholarship Holder

The project investigates the gender gap in financial inclusion in Sweden during the 19th century. By studying a sample of probate inventories (bouppteckningar), it explores how the emergence of banks influenced women's financial behaviour between 1850 and 1900. Specifically, the scholarship holder will be responsible for collecting data from digitized sources of the period, which are available online. For this purpose, he/she will use a data model developed and tested by the project coordinator.

Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements by the application deadline:

Required Educational Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in humanities or economics.

Additional Qualifications

- The collaborator must have at least a basic knowledge of the Swedish language. It is desirable but not necessary that the candidate has previous experience working with historical sources. Non-Italian candidates must have a good knowledge of either Italian or English.

The application must include documentation proving the listed requirements, a curriculum vitae, as well as any other documents considered relevant for this evaluation. The curriculum of the selected candidate will be published in compliance with transparency obligations. The evaluation will focus on the possession of the required qualifications and the candidates' familiarity with the necessary competencies.

In accordance with Art. 3, paragraph 3, individuals who have a degree of kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree with the scientific supervisor of the research grant, with a professor or researcher affiliated with the Department, with the Rector, the General Director, or a member of the University's Board of Directors may not participate in the selection process.

Verification of Results

The results will be verified through a report submitted to the Department Director at the end of the period and with the delivery of the collected data to the project's scientific supervisor.

Application Process

The application for participation in the public selection process, along with the possessed qualifications, documents, and publications deemed useful for the competition, must be submitted electronically, under penalty of exclusion, using the dedicated online application system at:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unibs/dem2024-b001>

Please note that after the deadline for submitting applications, the system will no longer allow access or submission of the application. The final deadline is 30 days after the publication date of this notice (deadline: September 5, 2024).

For academic qualifications (master's degree or bachelor's degree) obtained from foreign universities, participation in the selection process requires that they be recognized as equivalent to the mentioned academic titles.

Selection Committee

The evaluation will be carried out by a committee appointed by the Department that issued the Call. The Committee may make use of external experts of high qualification, both Italian and foreign, without additional costs to the University.

The Committee will operate according to the following evaluation criteria:

Selection by qualifications (100 points)

- 50 points for degree grade and thesis (evaluation and relevance to the project);
- 20 points for knowledge of the Swedish language (demonstrable in various ways, including residence or extended stay in the country, native language, or language certification);
- 15 points for the attendance of post-graduate courses in Italy or abroad, as well as documented research activity at public or private institutions under contracts, scholarships, or assignments;
- 15 points for additional qualifications and publications.

Obligatory knowledge of the English language.

Interview and Evaluation of Qualifications

The Committee, appointed by the Director after the application deadline, will proceed with the evaluation of qualifications on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Department of Economics and Management, Via San Faustino, 74/b - Brescia.

Grant Awarding

The scholarship will be awarded through a decree issued by the Department Director, which will be published online on the University's Official Notice Board. The winner will also be notified via email at the address provided in the application.

Tax Deductions

The scholarship awarded under this call does not constitute an employment relationship, as it is solely intended for the training of the grant holder. The scholarship does not entitle the holder to social security or welfare benefits, nor does it carry legal or economic recognition, nor automatic recognition for social security purposes. The scholarship is exempt from Personal Income Tax (IRPEF) under Article 4, paragraph 3 of Law No. 210 of July 3, 1998, which extends the IRPEF exemption regime, as per Article 6, paragraph 6, of Law No. 398 of 1989, to doctoral scholarships and scholarships awarded by universities for post-graduate research activities.

Incompatibility

The research grant is incompatible with the following:

- Any other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions that supplement the research activities of the grant holder through stays abroad;
- Enrolment in doctoral programs with a scholarship or in medical specialisation programs, both in Italy and abroad;
- Research contracts;
- Employment contracts.

Grant holders may engage in occasional work, provided they submit a prior written notice to the Scientific Supervisor under the conditions outlined in Article 6 of the Post-Graduate Research Grant Regulations of the University of Brescia currently in force.

Additionally, the grant is incompatible for individuals who have a marital relationship or a degree of kinship or affinity up to and including the fourth degree with a Professor or Researcher affiliated with the Department or structure issuing the call, or with the Rector, the General Director, or a member of the University's Board of Directors. All incompatibility conditions are listed in the Post-Graduate Research Grant Regulations available at the following link:

<http://www.unibs.it/ateneo/statuto-e-regolamenti>.

The grant holder also undertakes to comply with the provisions of the Code of Conduct of the University of Brescia, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 31 of February 10, 2014, and the Code of Conduct issued by Rectoral Decree No. 272 of May 27, 2016, available at <http://www.unibs.it/ateneo/statuto-e-regolamenti>. Violation of the obligations set forth therein will result in the early termination of the contract.

Rights of the Grant Holder

The grant holder has the right to access the research structure to which they are assigned and to use the services available to researchers according to the regulations in force within the structure. The research activity will be conducted both within the structure and outside it when expressly authorized. Absences should not be of such duration as to compromise the training of the grant holder.

Grant Payment

The scholarship will be disbursed in monthly instalments in arrears.

Final Report

At the end of the grant period, the grant holder will submit a detailed report on the activities carried out to the Department, with the approval of the Research Supervisor.

Reference Rules

Failure to comply with the rules of this call will result in the immediate forfeiture of the scholarship for the remaining period and exclude the beneficiary from any renewals. For any matters not covered by this call, reference should be made to the University Regulations for the awarding of research grants and the relevant legislative provisions.

Procedure Manager

The personal data provided by applicants in the application for participation in the selection will be processed by Legislative Decree 196/03, to manage the selection process and any subsequent awarding procedure.

Under Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, the person responsible for the procedure outlined in this call is Mrs. Marisa Scaringi (marisa.scaringi@unibs.it).

This call for applications is published:

- On the Official Notice Board of the University <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/> from August 5 until September 30, 2024.
- At the following link: <http://www.unibs.it/ateneo/albo-pretorio-concorsi-bandi-e-gare/bandi-borse-di-ricerca-post-laurea>.