



**Decree of the Rector n. 182 of 12/03/2026
Competition for awarding 1 research assignment at the University of Udine**

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Annex 1

Call for applications for the award of 1 research assignment at the University of Udine on the topic “Application of advanced biostatistical methods and development of risk scores in the study of inflammatory mechanisms and their clinical correlates in cardiovascular diseases” GSD: 06/MEDS-24, SSD: MEDS-24/A (scientific supervisor, Massimo Imazio).

Article 1

A selection process has been arranged for the award of a research assignment at the University of Udine to carry out the research activity specified in Annex A, which is an integral and substantial part of this call for applications.

The research assignment is linked to the research project which will bear the relevant costs and is subject to the relevant funding.

The research assignment does not entitle the successful applicant to any rights as regards access to permanent posts at the University.

Any personal communications to applicants relating to this selection will be sent exclusively to the email address indicated during the application process.

Article 2

Young scholars who, at the time of submitting their application, have been in possession of a **master's degree or a single-cycle degree** for no more than six years and have a *curriculum vitae* suitable for assisting in the conduct of the research activities are eligible for the research assignment. In order to take part in the selection procedure, applicants **must not have reached the age of forty years** on the closing date of this call for applications.

The Examining Board shall proceed to assess the qualification obtained abroad on the basis of the documentation enclosed with the application to take part in the selection and may exclude any applicant if the documentation submitted does not provide sufficient elements for the



assessment.

Applicants are therefore invited to enclose all documentation in their possession relating to their qualifications in order to provide the Examining Board with sufficient elements to assess their position.

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 4 of the Regulations for the awarding of research assignments pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, applicants may not participate in the selection process if they:

- have held research assignments, even those held at different institutions, for a period which, when added to the total duration of the assignment that is the subject of this call for applications, is equal to or greater than a total of three years, even if the assignments were not continuous. The maximum time limit of three years can only be waived in order to implement specific EU research funding actions under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) programme;
- have benefited from fixed-term researcher contracts pursuant to Article 24 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010 and belong to the permanent staff of universities, public research organisations and institutions whose postgraduate scientific diploma has been recognised as equivalent to the PhD degree qualification pursuant to Article 74(4), of Presidential Decree no. 382 of 11 July 1980;
- have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with the Rector, the Director General or a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Udine, the Scientific Supervisor or a professor/researcher belonging to the relevant department or entity where the research assignment is to be carried out.

Any additional requirements are set out in Annex A and must be met at the time the application is submitted.

Failure to meet the admission requirements will result in the applicant's **exclusion** from the selection process.

Applicants are admitted conditionally to the selection process and their exclusion, for failure to meet the requirements, may be ordered at any time with a measure indicating the reasons.

Article 3

The research assignment in this call for applications is incompatible:

- a) with attendance in courses for university degrees, specialised or master's degrees, PhD or specialisation courses in the medical field, in Italy and abroad, without prejudice to the possibility of implementing specific European Union research funding actions under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) programme;
- b) with PhD scholarships or other scholarships, for whatever reason, awarded by national or foreign institutions, unless these are aimed at international mobility for research purposes;
- c) with other research assignments;
- d) with post-doc research assignments under Article 22-bis of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;
- e) with research contracts under Article 22 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;
- f) with fixed-term contracts for university researchers referred to in Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010;



- g) with research grants pursuant to Article 22 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010 (in the text prior to Decree Law no. 36 of 30 April 2022, converted with amendments by Law no. 79 of 29 June 2022);
- h) with the status of full-time employee or part-time employee with more than 50% hours, without prejudice to the possibility of taking a period of unpaid leave from one's employer.

Persons who have been convicted of a criminal offence resulting in a secondary penalty entailing disqualification from holding public office or the inability to enter into contracts with the public administration, are not eligible for selection.

Further cases of incompatibility are set out in Article 10 of the Regulations for the awarding of research assignments pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010.

Article 4

Applicants must submit an application to take part in the selection, duly signed in handwritten or digital form in line with the procedures described in Article 5 below. An application without a signature will result in the **exclusion of** the applicant from the selection procedure, except in the case of access using the Italian Public Digital Identity System (SPID), in which case a signature will not be required.

The application to take part must be uploaded in its entirety (i.e. with all pages included), **otherwise** the applicant will be **excluded from** the selection process.

Applicants must enclose the following with their application for taking part in the selection, **under penalty of exclusion:**

1. a professional scientific *curriculum vitae* in Italian or English or in any additional language, indicated in Annex A, highlighting the applicant's aptitudes that make him or her suitable for carrying out and implementing the research programme;
2. copy of a valid identity document or other valid identification document. Citizens of non-EU states must compulsorily enclose a copy of their passport or a copy of their Italian identity document and valid residence permit, if they are in possession thereof;
3. limited to citizens of non-EU states residing or authorised to reside in Italy, a copy of their residence permit or authorisation to reside in Italy;
4. documentation proving possession of the academic qualification required for admission to the selection process or self-certification of possession of such a qualification, subject to the conditions set out below. Any possession of a higher academic qualification does not exempt the candidate from producing such documentation, and failure to produce it will result in exclusion:
 - **Applicants who are Italian citizens or citizens of a European Union Member State** must submit a declaration in lieu of certification and, if necessary, a notarial deed regarding the academic qualification required for admission (indicating the academic qualification, the academic institution awarding the qualification, the year it was awarded and the mark obtained) and the publications and other qualifications held, indicating for each one all the identification details required to allow the Examining Board to assess them. **Applicants must declare on the application form their possession of the academic qualification required for eligibility and this will count as a declaration in lieu of certification.** If the subject matter of the declaration in lieu is not clearly identified in terms of its nature,



duration, time setting and the institution concerned, the Examining Board will disregard it. The Administration reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the truthfulness of the content of the declarations made; in the event of a false declaration, the provisions of Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and Articles 483, 485 and 486 of the Italian Criminal Code shall apply. The University will disregard any certificates attached by applicants who are Italian citizens or citizens of a state belonging to the European Union.

- **Citizens of a non-EU State** must submit documents and qualifications in Italian or English or any additional language indicated in Annex A, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process or, as the case may be, they will not be assessed.

Documents and qualifications, originally in a different language, must be accompanied by a translation, made by the candidate under his or her own responsibility, into Italian or English or any other language indicated in Annex A. With reference solely to a thesis, the translation may be limited to an extended abstract.

- **Citizens of a non-EU State regularly residing in Italy** may use declarations in lieu of certification only in respect of statuses, personal qualities or facts that may be certified or attested by Italian public bodies, without prejudice to the special provisions contained in the laws and regulations governing immigration and the status of foreigners.
- **Citizens of non-EU states authorised to reside in Italy** may use the aforementioned declarations in lieu in cases where they are produced pursuant to international conventions between Italy and the declarant's country of origin.

Applicants may also enclose with their application for assessment purposes their publications, any letters of reference from scientific personalities and any other qualification deemed useful to prove their suitability in relation to the research programme described in Annex A and attest any research activity carried out in public and/or private entities (with indication of the starting date and duration). The procedures for submission are similar to those indicated in point 4 of the previous paragraph.

Only qualifications possessed by the applicant on the date of submission of his or her application for selection and submitted in accordance with Article 5 will be assessed.

Any exclusion from the selection procedure due to a lack of the requirements for eligibility, the absence of compulsory documents, failure to sign the application for taking part in the selection process or due to the submission of the application according to procedures other than those provided for in this call for applications will be communicated to interested parties exclusively by email to the email address indicated in the application to take part in the selection process.

Article 5

Registration for this selection process will start on March 18, 2026 at 2 p.m. (Italian time) and end on March 27, 2026 at 2 p.m. (Italian time).

The application to take part in the selection must be filled in, under penalty of exclusion, using the appropriate online procedure, available at <https://pica.cineca.it/>.

For those who do not already have a pica user account, the procedure includes a registration phase for the applicant, and a subsequent phase for filling out the application online.



Once completed, the application must be signed in the manner described in the online procedure (handwritten signature, with attached identity document, or digital signature), under penalty of exclusion from the selection process. The application does not have to be signed if the above-mentioned online procedure is accessed using the Italian Public Digital Identity System (SPID). The information entered on the application form shall constitute a declaration in lieu of certification and affidavit, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

The qualifications referred to in Article 4 must be attached to the application in .pdf format. Individual files, in .pdf format, may not exceed 30MB in size.

It is not permitted to submit attachments to the application in the form of links to files residing on "online storage/file sharing" services or web pages. Reference to documents or publications submitted to this or other administrations or to documents attached to an application to take part in other selection procedures is not permitted.

The application for taking part in the selection process will automatically be sent to the University of Udine with the final closure of the online procedure.

The University Administration:

- accepts no liability in the event that it is impossible to read the submitted documentation in electronic format due to damaged files;
- does not accept or take into consideration any qualifications or documents received in paper form or by any other means than those specified in this Article.

The Administration accepts no liability in the event of incorrect indication by the applicant of his or her email address or in the event of failure or delay in communicating a change in the email address indicated in the application, nor for any online errors attributable to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

Applicants are advised not to wait until the last few days before the deadline date for submitting their application to take part in the selection process. The University accepts no liability for any malfunctions due to technical problems and/or overloading of the communication line and/or application systems.

Article 6

The selection test shall take place in accordance with the procedures and any timetable set out in Annex A.

The test will aim to assess the candidates' preparation and aptitude for research and innovation. It will consist of an assessment of the *curriculum vitae*, publications, scientific and academic qualifications, documented research activities in public and private entities, and letters of reference from scientific personalities; if provided for in Annex A, the test will also consist of an interview with the applicants. Failure of the applicant to attend the interview will be considered as a renunciation of taking part in the selection, whatever the cause.



Applicants who intend to avail themselves of the benefits provided for by Article 20 of Law no. 104 of 1992, in relation to their disability condition, must request them in the application form, specifying the aid needed in relation to their disability condition as well as the possible need for additional time, in order for the Administration to prepare in good time the means and tools to guarantee the envisaged benefits. Such candidates must send appropriate medical certification together with their application; failure to submit the medical certification shall exempt the Administration from any obligation in this regard.

Article 7

The Examining Board shall be identified in Annex A.

At its first meeting the Examining Board shall appoint its Chairperson and Secretary taking the minutes and establish the criteria and procedures for assessing the qualifications and the interview, if any takes place.

The Examining Board shall conduct a comparative assessment of the applications. The results of the assessment of qualifications must be made known to the interested parties at the interview, if any takes place.

The Examining Board has a total number of 100 points (one hundred hundredths) attributable to each applicant.

At the end of its work, the Examining Board shall draw up the overall ranking list on the basis of the total marks obtained by each applicant and prepare the minutes indicating the various competition operations. The ranking list will be made public exclusively by publication on the University's official notice board; the outcome of the assessment will not be communicated personally to the applicants.

To be declared eligible, applicants must have obtained a minimum overall mark of 70/100 (seventy hundredths). The research assignment shall be awarded to the eligible applicant with the highest score in the ranking list.

Any applicant who does not declare his or her acceptance of the research assignment or does not show up at the entity where the research activity is to be carried out to sign the contract by the deadline communicated by the entity to the email address indicated by the applicant in their application, shall forfeit his or her right to the research assignment, except in the case of any health reasons or reasons of force majeure duly documented and promptly notified.

In the event of non-acceptance of the assignment or failure to show up at the entity by the notified deadline, the eligible candidates on the ranking list will be approached based on the order of ranking.

In the event that the holder renounces the research assignment after the start of the research activities, the University will consider whether or not to proceed with approaching other applicants on the ranking list.

Successful applicants with qualifications obtained abroad, must submit, if not already attached to their application for taking part in the selection process:



- **For degrees issued by a country that is a party to the Lisbon Convention (<https://www.enic-naric.net/>), the following documentation**
 - Diploma *Supplement* or similar certificate in English issued by the competent university;
 - "Certificate of Verification of a Foreign Qualification - CIMEA" issued by CIMEA (Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence) via the "diplome" service at <https://cimea-diplome.it/>
- **For degrees issued by a country that is not a party to the Lisbon Convention (<https://www.enic-naric.net/>), one of the following options:**
 - Declaration of Validity in loco of the qualification held and the certificate relating to the qualification with examinations and grades. A certificate in a language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by an official translation into one of those languages (certified by the competent diplomatic-consular authority or sworn at a court in Italy);
 - "Certificate of Comparability and Verification of a Foreign Qualifications - CIMEA" issued by CIMEA (Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence) via the "diplome" service at <https://cimea-diplome.it/>

If the aforementioned documentation is not available at the time of entering into the contract, the holder must prove that he or she has requested it and submit it as soon as possible; if it is not submitted within six months of the start of the assignment, the candidate will forfeit the assignment and will be required to repay any sums received up to that moment under the contract.

Article 8

The activity that is the subject of the research assignment cannot begin until the contract defining the terms of the collaboration has been signed.

The activity that is the subject of the research assignment must have the following characteristics:

- a) be carried out within the framework of the research programme that is the subject of the assignment and not be a mere technical support to it;
- b) have a close connection with the implementation of the research programme;
- c) be of a continuous and in any case temporally defined nature, not merely occasional, and in coordination with the overall activity of the University;
- d) be carried out autonomously, under the supervision of the Scientific Supervisor, within the sole limits of the research programme in which it is included, without any preset working hours.

The holder of the research assignment is required to submit a detailed written report on the work carried out and the results achieved, together with the opinion of the Scientific Supervisor, to the reference entity by the deadlines specified in the contract. The holder of the research assignment must also submit interim reports and timesheets if requested by the reference entity and/or the Scientific Supervisor.

The holder of the research assignment is entitled to use the equipment of the department or entity at hosting his or her research activity and to use the services available to the university's permanent staff in accordance with the internal rules in force.



The holder of the research assignment is bound to strict confidentiality regarding the data and information he or she becomes aware of in the course of performing the research activity. At the request of the Scientific Supervisor, he or she will be required to sign an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

Industrial property rights over the results achieved by the holder in the performance of the research activity belong exclusively to the University, without prejudice to the moral right to be recognised as the creator or inventor.

With reference to the confidentiality and ownership of results, Article 11(3) of the Regulation for the awarding of research assignments pursuant to Article 22-ter of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010 shall apply, in addition to any internal regulations that may apply.

The holder of the research assignment must comply with the University's open access policies and make their research products available on the IRIS catalogue, subject to the opinion of the Scientific Supervisor.

The holder of the research assignment shall carry out his or her activities in compliance with the University's Code of Ethics and Conduct. As a member of the academic community, the holder of the research assignment is required to comply with the University's Statute of Autonomy as well as the internal rules and regulations adopted by the governing bodies of the University.

The University reserves the right to revoke this call for applications for reasons of public interest, should the research project and/or the funding on which the research assignment is based cease to exist. Should such causes arise after the contract has been signed, the University may withdraw from the contract without notice.

Article 9

The following shall apply to the research assignment referred to in this call for applications:

- in tax matters, the provisions of Article 4 of Law no. 476 of 13 August 1984, as amended and supplemented;
- in social security matters, the provisions of Article 2(26 et seq.) of Law no. 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended and supplemented;
- on compulsory maternity leave the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 12 July 2007;
- on sick leave, the provisions of Article 1(788) of Law no. 296 of 27 December 2006, as amended.

During the period of compulsory maternity leave, the allowance paid by INPS pursuant to Article 5 of the Ministerial Decree of 12 July 2007 is supplemented by the University up to the full amount of the research assignment.

The amount of the research assignment is paid in monthly instalments in arrears.

The cost of insurance cover for accidents and third-party liability is borne by the holders of research assignments, if not already covered by the University.



Article 10

The data collected as part of the procedure referred to in Article 5 are necessary for the proper management of the selection procedure, for the possible subsequent management of the research assignment and for purposes related to the management of the services provided by the University. The University of Udine is the Data Controller. At any time, the data subject may request access, rectification and, compatibly with the institutional purposes of the University, erasure and restriction of processing or object to the processing of his or her data. Data subjects can always lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority. The full privacy policy is available on the University of Udine website in the 'privacy' section accessible from the home page www.uniud.it Direct Link: <https://www.uniud.it/it/it/pagine-speciali/guida/privacy>

Article 11

For all matters not expressly mentioned in this call for applications, reference is made to the relevant regulations in force cited in the introduction and to the "Internal Regulations for the awarding of research assignments, Article 22 *ter* of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010" of the University of Udine issued by Rector's Decree no. 557 of 7 August 2025.

Article 12

The Procedure Supervisor is Ms Sandra Salvador, Head of the Research, Libraries and Third Mission Division of the University of Udine.

The reference office at the University of Udine is the Research Training Office - Research, Libraries and Third Mission Division, via Mantica no. 31 - 33100 Udine.

This call for applications, including Annex A, is written in Italian and English. In the event of any conflict or discrepancy between the two versions, the Italian language version shall prevail.

For information regarding applications, please send an e-mail to: incarichi.ricerca@uniud.it



Annex A

Responsabile scientifico della ricerca / Principal investigator:

Nome e cognome / Name and surname: Massimo Imazio
Qualifica / Position: Professore ordinario in Malattie dell'apparato cardiovascolare/ Full Professor of Cardiology
Dipartimento / Department: Dipartimento di Medicina (DMED)
Area MUR / Research field: 06 Scienze mediche / *Medicine*
Gruppo scientifico disciplinare e Settore scientifico disciplinare / Scientific sector: 06/MEDS-07 Malattie dell'apparato cardiovascolare e malattie dell'apparato respiratorio, MEDS-07/B Malattie dell'apparato cardiovascolare / 06/MEDS-07 *Cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, MEDS-07/B Cardiovascular Diseases*

Titolo dell'incarico di ricerca / Topic of the research assignment "incarico di ricerca":

Applicazione di metodologie biostatistiche avanzate e sviluppo di risk scores nello studio dei meccanismi infiammatori e dei loro correlati clinici nelle patologie cardiovascolari (competenze pertinenti con GSD 06/MEDS-24, SSD MEDS-24/A).

Application of advanced biostatistical methods and development of risk scores in the study of inflammatory mechanisms and their clinical correlates in cardiovascular diseases (competences regarding GSD 06/MEDS-24, SSD MEDS-24/A).

Funzioni richieste, obiettivi previsti e risultati attesi del programma di ricerca in cui si colloca l'attività del titolare di incarico di ricerca / The required functions, intended objectives and expected results of the research programme in which the researcher will carry out their work:

Il progetto è finalizzato all'applicazione di metodologie biostatistiche avanzate e allo sviluppo di risk scores nello studio dei meccanismi infiammatori e dei loro correlati clinici nelle patologie cardiovascolari. Le malattie cardiovascolari rappresentano una delle principali cause di morbilità e mortalità a livello globale e numerose evidenze indicano che l'infiammazione svolge un ruolo centrale nella genesi, progressione e prognosi di diverse condizioni cardiache, tra cui aterosclerosi, sindromi coronariche acute, scompenso cardiaco, cardiomiopatie e malattie infiammatorie del cuore. La ricerca cardiovascolare contemporanea è caratterizzata da una crescente complessità dei dati e dei disegni di studio, che includono studi clinici osservazionali prospettici e retrospettivi, l'integrazione di dati clinici, laboratoristici, molecolari e di imaging, l'utilizzo di biomarcatori infiammatori tradizionali ed emergenti, nonché analisi longitudinali e time-to-event.

In questo contesto emerge la necessità di strumenti quantitativi affidabili per la stratificazione del rischio, in grado di integrare informazioni cliniche e biologiche e di supportare il decision-making clinico. Lo sviluppo di risk scores cardiovascolari basati su dati osservazionali e di ricerca di base rappresenta un passaggio chiave per la traduzione dei risultati scientifici nella pratica clinica. Il ruolo del biostatistico risulta pertanto centrale non solo nell'analisi dei dati, ma anche nel disegno metodologicamente corretto degli studi, nello sviluppo e nella validazione di modelli predittivi, nella valutazione della robustezza e riproducibilità dei risultati e nel supporto alla produzione scientifica di elevata qualità.

L'incarico di ricerca mira a rafforzare l'area di ricerca cardiovascolare attraverso un contributo biostatistico qualificato allo studio integrato di dati clinici osservazionali e di ricerca di base su cuore



e infiammazione, con particolare attenzione allo sviluppo di strumenti di stratificazione del rischio. Le attività previste comprendono l'analisi di database clinici cardiologici, inclusi registri, coorti prospettiche e studi retrospettivi, l'analisi dei fattori clinici e infiammatori associati agli outcome cardiovascolari mediante modelli di regressione e di sopravvivenza, l'analisi longitudinale di parametri clinici e biochimici, nonché lo studio statistico di dati sperimentali in vitro e in vivo e delle relazioni tra pathway infiammatori e fenotipi cardiaci. I risultati sperimentali saranno integrati con i dati clinici osservazionali al fine di ottenere una visione coerente e traslazionale dei meccanismi studiati.

Una parte rilevante del progetto è dedicata allo sviluppo e alla validazione di modelli predittivi e risk scores cardiovascolari, attraverso l'identificazione delle variabili cliniche, infiammatorie e biologiche più rilevanti, la costruzione di modelli multivariati per la previsione di eventi cardiovascolari e la loro traduzione in strumenti clinicamente interpretabili. Le performance dei modelli saranno valutate in termini di discriminazione, calibrazione e robustezza, prevedendo validazione interna ed eventuale validazione esterna e confronto con score di rischio cardiovascolare già esistenti. Saranno inoltre applicati approcci di network analysis per modellare le interazioni tra biomarcatori infiammatori, identificare moduli biologici e integrare caratteristiche di rete nei modelli prognostici.

Il progetto include infine un supporto metodologico trasversale che comprende la gestione dei missing data e dei bias tipici degli studi osservazionali, l'applicazione di metodi di causal inference, il contributo alla stesura di protocolli di studio e piani di analisi statistica e la collaborazione alla redazione di articoli scientifici e report statistici. Sono previste attività strutturate di disseminazione dei risultati, attraverso pubblicazioni e presentazioni a congressi, nonché di supporto alla scrittura di progetti per bandi competitivi nazionali e internazionali. Nel complesso, il progetto mira a migliorare la qualità metodologica degli studi cardiovascolari, a chiarire il ruolo dell'infiammazione nelle patologie cardiache, a favorire l'integrazione tra ricerca clinica e di base e a sviluppare strumenti quantitativi utili alla stratificazione del rischio e alla trasferibilità dei risultati nella pratica clinica.

The project aims to apply advanced biostatistical methodologies and develop risk scores to investigate inflammatory mechanisms and their clinical correlates in cardiovascular diseases. Cardiovascular diseases represent one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide, and substantial evidence indicates that inflammation plays a central role in the onset, progression, and prognosis of major cardiac conditions, including atherosclerosis, acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, cardiomyopathies, and inflammatory heart diseases such as myocarditis and pericarditis. Contemporary cardiovascular research is characterized by increasing complexity in both data and study designs, encompassing prospective and retrospective observational clinical studies, integration of clinical, laboratory, molecular, and imaging data, the use of traditional and emerging inflammatory biomarkers, as well as longitudinal and time-to-event analyses.

In this context, there is a strong need for reliable quantitative tools for risk stratification that can integrate clinical and biological variables and support clinical decision-making. The development of cardiovascular risk scores based on observational and basic research data represents a key step in translating scientific findings into clinical practice. The biostatistician therefore plays a central role not only in data analysis but also in the methodologically sound design of studies, the development and validation of predictive models and risk scores, the assessment of robustness and reproducibility of results, and the support of high-quality scientific output.

The proposed research appointment aims to strengthen the cardiovascular research area through a qualified biostatistical contribution to the integrated analysis of observational clinical data and basic research on the heart and inflammation, with particular emphasis on the development of prognostic risk scores. The planned activities include the analysis of cardiology clinical databases, such as registries, prospective cohorts, and retrospective studies; the investigation of clinical and inflammatory factors associated with cardiovascular outcomes using regression and survival models; longitudinal analyses of clinical and biochemical parameters; and the statistical analysis of experimental data generated in vitro and/or in vivo to study the relationships between inflammatory pathways and



cardiac phenotypes. Experimental findings will be integrated with observational clinical data to provide a coherent and translational interpretation of the mechanisms under investigation.

A substantial component of the project is dedicated to the development and validation of predictive models and cardiovascular risk scores through the identification of relevant clinical, inflammatory, and biological variables, the construction of multivariable predictive models for cardiovascular events, and their translation into clinically interpretable tools. Model performance will be evaluated in terms of discrimination, calibration, and robustness, with internal validation and, where feasible, external validation, as well as comparison with existing cardiovascular risk scores. In addition, network analysis approaches will be applied to model interactions among inflammatory biomarkers, identify biologically meaningful modules, and integrate network-derived features into prognostic models.

The project also includes cross-cutting methodological support activities, such as the management of missing data and biases typical of observational studies, the application of causal inference methods, and support for the preparation of study protocols and statistical analysis plans, as well as collaboration in the drafting of scientific manuscripts and statistical reports. Structured dissemination activities are planned through publications and conference presentations, together with support for the preparation of research proposals for competitive national and international funding schemes. Overall, the project aims to improve the methodological quality of cardiovascular studies, clarify the role of inflammation in cardiovascular diseases, promote the integration of clinical and basic research, and develop quantitative tools for risk stratification, thereby enhancing the transferability of research findings into clinical practice.

**Struttura dell'Università di Udine presso la quale verrà sviluppata l'attività di ricerca /
Department or other structure of the University of Udine where research activities will be carried out:**

Dipartimento di Medicina (DMED)

**Importo dell'incarico di ricerca (al lordo oneri carico titolare di incarico) / Total grant gross for
the research assignment "incarico di ricerca" (gross expenses charged to the person in charge):**

€ 68.093,80 (€ 22.697,93 per anno)

Durata dell'incarico di ricerca / Duration of the research assignment "incarico di ricerca":

36 mesi / months

**Proroga o rinnovo dell'incarico di ricerca / Extension or renewal of the research assignment
"incarico di ricerca"**

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Finanziamento / Financed by:

La copertura finanziaria grava sui seguenti fondi / The following funds cover the financial costs:
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Requisiti di ammissione / *Minimum qualifications necessary:*

Alla data di presentazione dell'istanza, il candidato deve / *By the date of presentation of the application, the candidate must:*

- essere in possesso del titolo di laurea magistrale o a ciclo unico da non più di sei anni / *have held a italian master's degree or equivalent qualification obtained abroad for no more than six years.*

Alla data di scadenza del presente bando, il candidato deve / *By the deadline of this call, the candidate must:*

- non aver compiuto 40 anni d'età / *not having reached 40 years of age.*

Requisiti aggiuntivi di ammissione / *Additional admission requirements:*

Laurea Magistrale LM-40 (Laurea Magistrale in Matematica) o LM-82 (Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Statistiche) o equiparate ai sensi del D.l. 9 luglio 2009 o titolo di studio equivalente conseguito all'estero. / *"Laurea Magistrale" in Mathematics (LM-40) or in Statistical sciences (LM-82) or an equivalent italian qualification pursuant to the Ministerial Decree of 9 July 2009, or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad.*

Ulteriori elementi valutativi / *Additional assessment elements*

In sede valutativa, la Commissione terrà in particolare considerazione i seguenti elementi se coerenti con la tematica della presente selezione / *In its evaluation, the Commission will take into particular consideration the following requirements if relevant to the subject matter of this selection:*

- curriculum vitae et studiorum / *curriculum vitae et studiorum;*
- attività di ricerca e di lavoro svolta sia in strutture di ricerca pubbliche che private / *research and work activities carried out in public and private research institutions;*
- esperienze nella progettazione di studi e di studi clinici / *Previous experience in study and clinical trial design.*
- pubblicazioni / *publications.*

Modalità di presentazione della documentazione oggetto di valutazione / *Arrangements for the submission of documents:*

La modalità di presentazione della documentazione oggetto di valutazione è specificata agli articoli 4 e 5 del bando. / *The way of presenting the documentation under evaluation is specified in the articles 4 and 5 of the present notice.*

Ai fini valutativi, i candidati potranno presentare le pubblicazioni e ogni altro titolo ritenuto utile a comprovare la propria qualificazione in relazione al programma di ricerca descritto nell'Allegato A, nelle seguenti lingue: / *For evaluation purposes, candidates may present publications and any other qualifications deemed useful to demonstrate their qualification in relation to the research program described in Attachment A, in the following languages:*

- Italiano / *Italian*
- Inglese / *English.*



Procedura selettiva / Competition procedure:

Valutazione per titoli e colloquio / *Evaluation of titles and oral exam*

I risultati della valutazione dei titoli saranno resi noti agli interessati nel corso del colloquio. / *The evaluation of the qualifications will be disclosed to candidates during the interview.*

Calendario del colloquio / <i>Calendar of the oral exam</i>	Modalità / <i>Modality</i>	In videoconferenza su MS Teams/ <i>online on MS Teams</i>
	Data / <i>Date</i>	31 marzo / <i>March 2026</i>
	Ora / <i>Time</i>	04:15 pm (<i>Italian time</i>)
	Luogo / <i>Place</i>	-

Per sostenere il colloquio i candidati devono esibire un valido documento di riconoscimento. / *Candidates must come to the interview with a valid identity document.*

Eventuali variazioni saranno rese note esclusivamente mediante pubblicazione all'albo ufficiale on line dell'Ateneo / *Any change will be made public solely through publication on the University web site <https://www.uniud.it/it/albo-ufficiale>*

Commissione giudicatrice / Examining Board:

Nome e Cognome	Qualifica	GSD	SSD	Università
Membri Effettivi / Permanent members				
Massimo Imazio	PO	06/MEDS-07	MEDS-07/B	Udine
Gianluca Tell	PO	05/BIOS-08	BIOS-08/A	Udine
Giulia Barbati	PA	06/MEDS-24	MEDS-24/A	Trieste
Membro Supplente / Temporary member				
Maria Parpinel	PA	06/MEDS-24	MEDS-24/B	Udine

Diritti e doveri / Rights and responsibilities

Il titolare di incarico di ricerca sarà aggregato alla struttura di riferimento individuata dal responsabile scientifico. Alle condizioni indicate dalla struttura di riferimento, potrà accedere ai locali dedicati all'attività di ricerca e ai relativi laboratori oltre alle sedi dell'Ateneo. Il titolare riceverà un indirizzo di posta elettronica istituzionale dell'Ateneo che dovrà essere utilizzato per tutte le comunicazioni relative all'attività di ricerca. Potrà accedere ai servizi informatici e alle risorse amministrative e informatiche dedicati al personale non dipendente.

Il titolare di incarico di ricerca è tenuto al rispetto dello Statuto di autonomia dell'Università, del Codice Etico e di Comportamento nonché della normativa interna e delle prescrizioni interne adottate dagli organi di governo dell'Università, in particolare del Regolamento per l'affidamento di incarichi di ricerca ai sensi dell'art. 22 ter della legge 30.12.2010, n. 240. Il titolare di incarico di



ricerca deve osservare le prescrizioni a suo carico dettate nel bando di selezione e nel contratto da stipularsi a seguito di vincita.

The research fellow will be assigned to the reference structure specified by their scientific supervisor. They will have access to the premises dedicated to research activities and related laboratories, as well as the university's premises, under the conditions specified by the reference structure. They will receive an institutional email address from the university for all communications relating to research activities. They will also have access to IT and administrative resources intended for non-employee staff.

They are required to comply with the University's Statute of Autonomy and Code of Ethics and Conduct, as well as its internal regulations and requirements adopted by the governing bodies. In particular, they must comply with the Regulations for the Assignment of Research Positions pursuant to Article 22 ter of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010. Holders of research positions must comply with the requirements set out in the selection notice and the contract to be signed following the award.