



# Fondazione Guido Berlucci

**Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale (ONLUS)**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Guido Berlucci Foundation Calls 2016

### ALL CALLS

**1. Q.** Who should I contact for questions regarding the call or application procedure?

**A.** Please contact the Guido Berlucci Foundation at [fondazioneberlucci@libero.it](mailto:fondazioneberlucci@libero.it). You will receive a reply within three working days. Please also provide a phone number where you could be reached during standard business hours (9:00 to 18:00, CET) in case we need to contact you for clarifications about your request.

### GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER GRANT

**1. Q.** I do not have a PhD degree but I have several years of independent research. Can I still apply for a Guido Berlucci Foundation Career Grant?

**A.** In order to be eligible to apply to Career Grant, you must have a PhD or equivalent doctoral degree. The Guido Berlucci Foundation applies the H2020, ERC policy on PhD and equivalent doctoral degrees, which can be found at: [https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC\\_policy\\_on\\_PhD\\_and\\_equivalent\\_doctoral\\_degrees\\_2016.pdf](https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/ERC_policy_on_PhD_and_equivalent_doctoral_degrees_2016.pdf)

**2. Q.** Could a Department or Institute of the University or Research Council be eligible as a Hosting Institution?

**A.** Departments and Institutes are eligible as hosting institutions only if the person undersigning the application form "SCHEMA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS "GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER" is the legal representative, or a delegate of a legal representative of the University or Research Council.

**3. Q.** Could two or more Departments or Institutes of the same University or Research Council be eligible as Hosting Institutions?

**A.** A maximum of three Departments and Institutes of the same University or Research Council are allowed as hosting institution. For each call, only one PI can be awarded and hosted in the same University, regardless the number of Departments and Institutes that have applied.

**4. Q.** Should the information in the SCHEMA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS "GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER" refer to entire Institution or to a single Department or Institute?

**A.** The SCHEMA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS "GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER" should be completed with details concerning the Hosting Institution (e.g. number PI, number patents), which can be either a University or Research Council or a single Department or Institute.



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**5. Q.** The *SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS "GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER"*, asks to specify the number of independent PIs currently in the hosting institution (third row : "Numero di PI indipendenti presenti presso l'ente nell'anno in corso"). Should we consider those with permanent or temporary positions?

**A.** *The PI is considered independent upon his/her capacity and possibility to perform independent research, regardless the nature and duration of his/her contract with the hosting institution.*

**6. Q.** Can the hosting institution select the candidate PI?

**A.** *The Fondazione Guido Berlucci will publish a list of Italian Institutions eligible as hosting institutions. The hosting institution Agreement is required for the Application so the Candidates should contact one or more hosting institutions in which they would like to establish their laboratory before making a final selection and submitting the application.*

**7. Q.** Can the hosting institution be part of the candidate selection committee?

**A.** *The candidates will be evaluated by two members of the Technical Scientific Committee of the Guido Berlucci Foundation in addition to external expert reviewers in the field of the research topic. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, reviewers affiliated with one or more hosting institutions will be excluded from the evaluation process.*

**8. Q.** Our institution has an internal procedure for PI evaluation (e.g. an independent international evaluation Committee, evaluation made every three years) while the Fondazione Guido Berlucci will evaluate the PI yearly. Can these two procedures be combined?

**A.** *The career grant renewal is subordinated to the annual evaluation made by the Guido Berlucci Foundation's Technical Scientific Committee and the hosting institution's Scientific Director. Any other internal evaluation made by the hosting institution is considered supplementary. It is the hosting institution's responsibility to inform the Guido Berlucci Foundation's Technical Scientific Committee if the PI fails any internal evaluation.*

**9. Q.** In our Institution, PIs can have a gross yearly salary above or below 45.000 euros. Can the salary of the recipient of a Guido Berlucci Foundation Career Grant be aligned to the salary of the other PIs in the Institution?

**A.** *The gross yearly salary of the PI receiving a Guido Berlucci Foundation Career Grant must be 45.000 euros for the entire duration of the Grant. The hosting institution can provide extra funds in addition to those reported in the grant table (e.g. staff, overheads, consumables). The financial support offered by the hosting institution is part of the evaluation criteria.*

**10. Q.** I will be 40 years old in 2016. Am I still eligible for a Guido Berlucci Foundation Career Grant?

**A.** *The Applicant must be under 40 at the time of the Call deadline.*



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**11. Q.** The SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER” is in Italian. Can it be completed both in Italian and in English?

**A.** Yes, the form SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER” can be completed either in English or Italian.

**12. Q.** Three fields of the SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER” (“Partecipazione dell’ente a studi clinici in ambito oncologico”, “Collaborazione con aziende in ambito oncologico” and “Finanziamenti nazionali e internazionali ottenuti negli ultimi tre anni in ambito oncologico”) ask to include a “list and short description”. In the case that there are lists which are several pages, how can they be inserted in the form?

**A.** An annex can be included at the end of the form which contains the list with a short description of each item. The form can then be completed with the data aggregated into those categories that you consider the most appropriate.

*Example 1. Field “Partecipazione dell’ente a studi clinici in ambito oncologico”. Data could be aggregated as:*

*CLINICAL STUDIES IN THE PAST 5 YEARS*

*Pharmacological studies: \_n\_*

*Experimental studies: \_n\_*

*Clinical trials: \_n\_*

*\_etc\_*

*Example 2. Field “Finanziamenti nazionali e internazionali ottenuti negli ultimi tre anni in ambito oncologico”. Data could be aggregated as:*

*EUROPEAN GRANTS*

*As single proponent: \_n\_*

*As coordinator: \_n\_*

*As partner: \_n\_*

*\_etc\_*

**13. Q.** Which period(s) should be referred to when completing the fields “Partecipazione dell’ente a studi clinici in ambito oncologico” and “Collaborazione con aziende in ambito oncologico” of the SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER”?

**A.** The data reported can refer to any period chosen by the institution (e.g. last 3, 5 or 10 years). It is strongly suggested to indicate the period of reference.

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**14. Q.** In the SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER what does “Collaborazione con aziende in ambito oncologico” mean?

**A.** *It means any collaborations and/or commercial relationships with companies aimed to develop basic or applied research, including that pertaining to products, in any oncology-related field.*

**15. Q.** Which kind of contract should the hosting organisation give the PI during the five years of the Guido Berlucci Foundation Career grant and for the three years after?

**A.** *The nature and the duration of the contract(s) between the hosting institution and the PI recipient of a Guido Berlucci Foundation Career grant should be analogous to the contract(s) given to the other PIs in the hosting organisation. During the grant period, the Guido Berlucci Foundation will liquidate the grant to the hosting institution on a yearly basis. The hosting institution will be in charge of transferring it to the PI. The career grant renewal is subordinated to the annual evaluation made by the Guido Berlucci Foundation’s Technical Scientific Committee and the hosting institution’s Scientific Director.*

**16. Q.** In the SCHEDA DI ADESIONE DEGLI ENTI DI RICERCA ITALIANI OSPITANTI I RICERCATORI RECIPIENTI DEI GRANTS “GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION CAREER what does “Numero dei brevetti negli ultimi tre anni” mean?

**A.** *It means the whole patent portfolio in the past three years, including active, released, filed, applied, licensed patents and patents in any other status.*

**17. Q.** One of the eligibility criteria of the Guido Berlucci Foundation Career Grant says that the grant is open to researchers “with at least ten original papers as first, last or corresponding author, in peer-reviewed, international, scientific journals”. Do reviews count in these ten papers?

**A.** *An errata corrige has been published. The criteria should read as “with at least ten papers, including reviews, as first, last or corresponding author, in peer-reviewed international scientific journals”*

## GUIDO BERLUCCHI FOUNDATION YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY PROGRAMME

**1. Q.** I am planning a mobility longer than seven months. Can I use the Guido Berlucci Foundation mobility grant to partially finance the mobility (up to seven months)?

**A.** *This is possible, however the candidate must indicate in the application the entire length of the mobility, and details on what other resources will be used to finance his/her mobility.*

**2. Q.** I will be 35 years old in 2016. Am I still eligible for a Guido Berlucci Foundation Young Researcher Grant?

**A.** *The Applicant’s 35<sup>th</sup> birthday must be before the call deadline.*