



Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale (National Social Security Institute)

**Announcement of selection
for the definition of a ranking of eligible Candidates
aimed at the assignment of 25 "Visitinps Scholars Program type B"
for research projects concerning INPS "Strategic Research Areas".**

(N.B. This announcement will be published exclusively on the website www.inps.it for 15 consecutive days)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

INPS, carrying out its institutional goals, promotes research, statistical and economic analysis and assessment of the legislative policies effects on the subjects falling within INPS competence and included in the "Strategic research areas" through the research program called "Visitinps Scholars", established with presidential decisions 2 April 2015, no.13 and 28 May 2015 no. 53, which is subject to the Regulation adopted with presidential resolution 24 February 2017 no. 62.

To this end, this selection procedure is launched to define a ranking of suitable candidates for the assignment of 25 "Visitinps Scholars Program type B" research programs.

For the realization of the research program "type B" Visitinps Scholars Program INPS will not provide any allowance or expenses refund.

The assignment of the "Visitinps Scholars Program type B" research does not imply the establishment of any employment relationship, nor any entitlement for legal and economic careers within the Institute, nor for any severance or other sum of money for any reasons.

The research projects referred to in this selection must be included in the "Strategic research areas" of interest of INPS as indicated in the following article 2.

The person in charge of the current procedure is the Director of Studies and Research Directorate dcstudiericerche@inps.it;

The Scientific Director of "Visitinps Scholars" research program is Professor Maurizio Franzini.

Art. 1 – Participation requirements and incompatibilities

This public notice launches a selection procedure with the aim to define a ranking of eligible candidates for the assignment of 25 research programs "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program".

The participation in this procedure is open to Italian or foreign citizens from Italian or foreign Universities or research Institutes as:

- full, adjunct, associate professors and equivalent researchers,
- researchers with a PhD or equivalent qualification obtained abroad, or in the process of obtaining a PhD, or equivalent qualification obtained abroad, who have completed all exams (and / or other educational and training activities) included in the PhD program or equivalent qualification, lacking only the discussion of the final thesis.

The above participation requirements must be met on the date of presentation of the application form.

The participation in the procedure for assigning research projects within the framework of the "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program" is not allowed to:

- INPS employees;
- whoever has up to a second degree of kinship, according to the Italian civil law, with a member of the "Visitinps Scholars" research program Scientific Committee or with the INPS President or Director general.

Art. 2 - Research project topic

The research project must focus on topics included within INPS "Strategic Research Areas".

The research projects concerning the following themes of the "Strategic research areas" will be evaluated with particular interest:

- effects of pension reforms;
- effects of the "Brain drain" and emigration;
- evaluation of policies supporting family and parenting;
- evaluation of policies supporting income support and fighting poverty;
- inequalities.

The research project can be carried out with the support of a collaborator

Art. 3 – Duration of the research programme "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program "

The "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program" shall last 3 months from the first day of research activity.

The starting date of the research activity, as indicated in the following Article 5, shall be established within one year from the date of publication of the ranking of assignees. The three months for the research program may be continuous or divided, as long as completed within one year from the date on which the research activity began.

Art. 4 - Content, modality and terms for submitting applications

The application form, which must be submitted following the structure of attached model A, must be received within 16.00 (Italian time) of the 3rd April 2020 at the e-mail address visitinpscholars@inps.it.

Applications submitted in any other form will not be accepted.

Each candidate is allowed to submit only one application form and one research project; if a candidate submit more than one application form with several research projects for each application or one application with several research projects, he/she will be required by the Director of INPS Study and Research Central Directorate, before the beginning of the evaluation process, to specify which research project he/she intends to submit. This clarification must be received within three days from the request, under penalty of exclusion.

Throughout the duration of the "Type B *Visitinps Scholars Program*" candidates will be allowed to be supported by a collaborator (whose scientific and professional competences for the realization of the research project will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee after the research program assignment). The collaborator's curriculum vitae must be attached to the application form. No one can be indicated as a collaborator in a research project and at the same time apply with his/her own research project; in this case, before the evaluation operations start, he/she is invited by the Director of INPS Study and Research Central Directorate to specify whether he/she intends to participate as a collaborator in a research project or apply with his/her own research project. This clarification must be received within three days from the request, under penalty of exclusion.

The collaborator's name must be indicated in the research assignment contract, specifying that he/she will be allowed to access to information on the "Vistinps" digital platform which are useful for the research activity pertaining to the researcher's project, in compliance with the modalities described in Article 6 below and in accordance with privacy regulations listed in Article 10 below.

The application form, under penalty of exclusion, must include the physical and e-mail address where the candidate intends to receive communications and contain the following attachments:

- the research project that the candidate intends to carry out (maximum five pages);
- candidate's curriculum vitae, with an attached report representing the candidate's scientific production coherent with the submitted research project;
- a copy of a valid identification document duly signed (also of the collaborator if he/she is present);
- a statement of not being in one of the situations of incompatibility mentioned in the previous Article 1;
- the possible collaborator's name and *curriculum vitae* .

The documentation annexed to the application form must be submitted exclusively in a pdf format.

Candidates previously awarded with scholarships or research projects within the framework of the "Visitinps Scholars" program are allowed to submit a new application for the "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program" referred to in this public notice, as long as the new research project contains elements of absolute novelty compared to previous project / projects A or B type.

Any further information can be required by e-mailing at visitinpscholars@inps.it.

Art. 5 - Selection modality, processing of the ranking of the eligible candidates and assignment of the research projects"

An evaluation Committee shall carry out a comparative evaluation of the candidates by comparing their scientific curriculum on the basis of the professional experience resulting from the *curriculum vitae* and from the scientific publications (indicated in the representative report of their scientific production as mentioned in the previous Art. 4) considered relevant.

The Committee, for the purposes of the comparative evaluation mentioned above, shall consider the following elements which, in order to be evaluated, will have to be consistent with the project submitted, inferable from the training and research path indicated in the curriculum vitae and related to the Institute's "Strategic Research Areas":

- experience gained in research activities, including any scholarships, research awards or grants received, at public or private universities ,italian or foreign, or at structures involved in research activities within research institutes, public or private international organizations , Italian or foreign;

- experience in organizing, managing and coordinating research structures or groups at the same organizational structures mentioned above;
- publications, formulations and research of original and innovative nature, or of scientific relevance for collocation as leading article in the relevant publication.
- the possible belonging of the project to one of the issues of particular interest to the Institute referred to in Article 2 above.

The Committee shall give candidates a single score up to a maximum of 100 points, taking into account what provided for under paragraph 2.

In order to be considered eligible, candidates must obtain a total score of at least 60 points.

The ranking of the eligible candidates is approved with Presidential resolution and published on the institutional website; it is valid for 12 months, starting from the date of publication and, in any case, not beyond the publication of the following selection announcement.

The assignment is notified to the assignees through a written notice. Within 15 days from receiving the notice, the assignees must send an acceptance or renunciation statement to the e-mail address visitinpscholars@inps.it indicating the date on which they intend to start the research activity (the starting date of the research activity must be within one year from the date of publication of the list of assignees). If the assignees do not send the acceptance or renunciation statement within the deadline, the assignation shall be considered forfeited and the following eligible candidate on the list shall receive the assignment.

Before beginning the research activity, the assignee and the collaborator (if present) must sign the relevant contract.

The researcher assigned the "Visitinps Scholars Program type B" research program and, if present, the collaborator, by signing the contract, declare that they are not in the incompatibility situations referred to in article 1 above.

The researcher, and, if present, the collaborator, by signing the contract, undertake to observe the contents of the Institute's Code of Conduct published on the institutional website www.inps.it; as well as to comply with the obligations laid down by the art.20 "workers' obligations" of Legislative Decree 81/2008 (Provisions on the protection of health and safety in the workplace), the implementing regulations and the provisions of the Institute on the subject, as, for the sole purpose and for the effects of the aforementioned Legislative Decree ., the researcher, in carrying out the activities aimed at carrying out the research, is equated to a "worker" and therefore subject to compliance with these obligations.

Art. 6 - Method for carrying out research activity

During the duration of the "*Type B Visitinps Scholars Program*" as mentioned in the previous Article 3, the researcher and, if present, the collaborator - shall have access to the Institute through an identification badge.

The Researcher must submit at least two intermediate reports to the Scientific Director illustrating the research activity carried out, as well as a final document on the research carried out within the program. This final document must be submitted within 3 months from the end of the research Program".

In order to carry out the research activity, the researcher shall be provided by INPS with the necessary equipment and tools.

The researcher assignee of the "*Type B Visitinps Scholars Program*" must present his/her work at specific seminars organized periodically by the Study and Research Central Directorate. No compensation or reimbursement of expenses is paid for the realization of this research program.

Article 7 - Insurance cover

The assignee of the "*Type B Visitinps Scholars Program*" and his/her collaborator (see art 4)t accessing INPS's premises shall be guaranteed suitable insurance cover pertaining to a third party civil liability insurance activated by the Institute.

Article 8 - Renunciation and Forfeiture

Forfeiture from the assignment of the "*Type B Visitinps Scholars Program*" shall involve whoever does not declare to accept the assignment within the term indicated in the previous Article 5; whoever, does not indicate the date on which he/she intends to begin the research activity, or whoever does not begin the research activity within one year from the date of publication of the list of assignees, except for justified reasons arising from serious health conditions or force majeure, duly proven.

The assignee of the "*Type B Visitinps Scholars Program*" who intends to renounce to the assignment must give written notice to the Director of the Study and Research Central Directorate at the following address dcstudiericerche@inps.it.

Failure to submit the periodical reports on the research activity carried out as well as the final document provided for by the previous Article 6, shall entail the forfeiture from the assignment of the research program, "Visitinps scholars program type B, except for justified reasons.

Article 9 - Intellectual Property

INPS has the right to make use of the methodologies developed and of the results achieved through the research activity.

The researcher assignee of the "Type B Visitinps Scholars Program" is entitled to the copyright on the results of the activities he/she carried out using INPS's data, resources and information.

The assignee researcher must submit his / her research work for publication on the series of studies and research called "Workinps Papers". He can present this work for publication outside the Institute, exclusively for academic and Scientific purposes .making make clear reference to the circumstance that were carried out within the "Visitinps Scholars" research program and report the clarification that these publications exclusively reflect the views of the author and do not engage the responsibility of the Institute.

The publication of the aforementioned research work outside the Institute cannot take place before the presentation for publication on the "Workinps Papers" series referred to in the previous paragraph.

Without prejudice to this possibility, the research work may be published preliminarily within the Institute, in the "Workinps papers" series, upon the proposal of the Scientific Committee.

Article 10 - Data processing

For the realization of the "Visitinps Scholars" program, the Institute, before processing the researcher's data, carries out a procedure to make personal data anonymous – at the end of which the information will not result in any way or over time referable to an identified or identifiable individual.

Therefore, in order to realize the assigned activity, each researcher and each collaborator shall be assigned a personal user name, provided the Institute in order to access the processing systems .They shall be allowed to consult the anonymous data , according to the modalities indicated in the single research program assignment contracts and, in any case, in compliance with what provided for by Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003 and following amendments and integrations.

The assignee researcher and his/her collaborator, as mentioned in the previous Article 4, are prohibited to transfer, communicate or disclose to third parties, for any reason, the data object of the activity assigned.

The data collected for the purposes mentioned in this announcement will be processed and stored in compliance with Legislative Decree n.196 / 2003 as amended and integrated by the Legislative Decree 10 August 2018 n.101.

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