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**FEDERICO II UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES – DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION**

**Decree No. 53 of 13 February 2025**

**NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT TNE 23-00079 “HEALTH TECHNOLOGY: FROM CAPACITY BUILDING TO CAPACITY STRENGTHENING - AFYA MOJA”- CUP C84C24000190006 -Scientific Responsible Prof. Bianca Gasparrini**

**The Director**

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, the Ministry of Universities and Research, Directorate-General for Internationalization and Communication, issued Directive No. 0167 titled "Notice for the Allocation of Funding for Transnational Educational Initiatives";

WHEREAS, the Notice defined the "specific guidelines for the selection and funding of at least 10 transnational educational initiatives (TNE), as provided for under Submeasure T4 ‘Transnational Initiatives in Education,’ Investment 3.4 ‘University Education and Advanced Skills’ of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 ‘Education and Research’ – Component 1 ‘Strengthening Educational Service Provision: From Nursery Schools to Universities’";

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Productions contributed as a partner to a project proposal titled "Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening," submitted to the Ministry of Universities and Research on November 28, 2023 (TNE23-00079);

CONSIDERING that, through Directive No. 188 dated June 26, 2024, the Ministry of Universities and Research approved the list of projects eligible for funding under the funds established by Directive No. 167 dated October 3, 2023; and that the project proposal "Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening" (Afya Moja) was deemed eligible and fundable for the amount of €2,744,928.78.

CONSIDERING that, through the Co-operation Agreement dated November 27, 2024, for the project “Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening” (TNE23-00079), the University of Naples Federico II has joined the Afya Moja Consortium with the University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome (Lead Institution), the University of Pisa, Alma Mater Studiorum – the University of Bologna and Polytechnic University of Bari

Considering that framework co-operation agreements between the Afya Moja Consortium, represented by the University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome, and the University of Abomey-Calavi, the National University of Sciences, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics, and the National University of Agriculture (UNA) of Benin, were stipulated on January, 21, 2025

**D E C R E E S**

**ARTICLE 1 - Subject**

The SELECTION NOTICE is issued for the allocation of:

Mobility scholarships distributed per each application field (the number is subject to fund availability), intended for postgraduate students (PhD students, medical residents, post-docs) from the partner universities of Benin

**ARTICLE 2 - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applications for the scholarship are open to Postgraduate students (PhD students, post-docs, medical residents) specializing in:

* + Veterinary Science
  + Agriculture
  + Medicine and Surgery
  + Engineering
  + Social Sciences

The students will be involved in research projects and advanced training activities at the selected Departments of Federico II University of Naples (UNINA).

The hosting Departments are:

* Veterinary Medicine and Animal Production (referent Bianca Gasparrini)
* Agricultural Sciences (referent Giuseppe De Rosa)
* Industrial Engineering (referent Antonio Gloria)
* Advanced Biomedical Sciences (referent Michele Santangelo)
* Public Health (referent Roberto Montalti)
* Social Sciences (referent Francesco Miano).

The attendance will take place in person. The duration of the mobility is from 3 to 6 months.

**ARTICLE 3 – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications, duly signed by the applicants, must be submitted no later than 12:00 PM on 10/03/2025 by email in PDF format to the following address: [bgasparr@unina.it](mailto:bgasparr@unina.it) ; [simona.sagliocco@unina.it](mailto:simona.sagliocco@unina.it)

with the object: **Participation in Mobility Scholarship for the project "Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening" – AFYA MOJA (TNE23-00079) MUR D.D. prot. n.167 of October 3, 2023, and D.D. n.188 of June 26, 2024,**

The application must include the following information:

* First name, Family name;
* Date and place of birth;
* Residence;
* Citizenship;
* Email address for correspondence.
* Denomination of the selected hosting Department and/or name and surname of the affiliated referent at UNINA (REPORTED ABOVE)

The following documents must be attached to the application

* Curriculum Vitae;
* A Motivation Letter containing: Objectives of the mobility, Added value of the mobility in this specific context, Expected outcomes. The students will indicate one or more fields they are interested in.
* Certificates (bachelor’s or master’s degrees, doctoral research, professional development courses, training programs, activities at research institutions, etc.).
* A copy of a valid identification document.
* Recommendation letter from a Professor of the University affiliated with the AFYA MOJA project.

The above-listed qualifications, if issued by a Public Administration, must be replaced, in compliance with current legislation, by a self-declaration of certification or an affidavit.

**ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection process will be carried out by a Committee appointed by the Director upon the proposal of the Scientific Responsible.

The evaluation committee will be composed as follows:

* Faculty and administrative staff members, appointed by the Director of the Department, where the funds for the project are allocated.
* The selection process may also be carried out by the foreign partner university participating in the project.

The Committee will draft specific rankings based on the following criteria, with a maximum overall score of 20 points:

Students

* Academic and professional achievements (Curriculum Vitae, certificates, recommendation letters, etc: up to 10 points
* Motivation Letter: up to 10 points

In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Mobilities will be equally distributed between genders.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If there are unallocated mobility grants, additional grants may be funded within the same eligible region.

**ARTICLE 5 – RANKINGS**

The rankings will be published on the Official Noticeboard available on the University website <https://www.unina.it>; on the

website of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Productions <https://www.mvpa-unina.org/> and linked to the website of the University of Abomey Calavi http://[www.uac.bj](http://www.uac.bj); of the National University of Sciences, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics http://[www.unstim.bj](http://www.unstim.bj); the National University of Agriculture <http://www.una.bj/>. The publication of the rankings constitutes formal notification for all purposes; therefore, no further communication will be provided to the individuals concerned. In the event of a subsequent inability to carry out the mobility, the personnel must promptly notify the relevant office, providing a personal declaration of the reasons that prevented its realization.

The scholarship that becomes available due to the winner's withdrawal will be awarded to the next eligible candidate according to the order of the merit ranking.

**ARTICLE 6 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

The recipient will be required to:

a) Begin the activity on the scheduled date, as agreed with the institutional coordinator.  
b) Carry out the activity regularly and without interruption for the entire duration of the scholarship.  
c) Submit a complete and documented report on the activities undertaken at the end of the program.

The recipient is subject to the time constraints stipulated by the course attended.

**ARTICLE 7 – FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

A recipient who fails to comply with any of the above obligations or is otherwise found responsible for serious misconduct will be declared ineligible to continue receiving the scholarship.

**ARTICLE 8 – FINANCIAL GRANT**

Beneficiaries of mobility scholarships will be entitled to travel and subsistence contributions. The total amount is 1000,00 euros/month for a maximum of 6 months plus a contribution for the travel cost. The total amount will be distributed as follows: 80% at the contract signing, and the remaining balance will be due after the report is received and approved by the UNINA coordinator.

Eligible travel expenses include:

* All actual costs incurred to reach the destination, even when multiple means of transport are required (e.g., airplane + train, train + bus, etc.).
* Costs related to auxiliary means of transport used in Italy to reach the airport or railway station from the home or work location (both for the outbound and return journeys), provided they are clearly attributable to the individual.

Naples, 17-02-2025 THE DIRECTOR

Aniello Anastasio

**DECLARATION IN LIEU OF CERTIFICATION**

To the Director of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Productions of the University of Naples Federico II,

via F. Delpino 1, 80137 Naples

I, the undersigned, [Full Name], born in [Place], on [Date], residing in [Address], hereby request to be admitted to the selection for the assignment of [number] scholarships (Ref. [number]).

I declare under my responsibility aware of the penalties for false statements as per Article 76 of DPR 28 December 2000, n.445, that:

[List of personal details and statements per the Italian text]

**Attachments**:

[List of required documents]

Date: [Insert date]

Signature: [Insert signature]