

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Selection of 5 university students for the Winter School – SULIEIA - MedPINet Winter School:
Recognition and Diagnosis of Inborn Errors of Immunity.

Art. 1 – Presentation

The Winter School is organized by the Department of Translational Medical Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II, within the framework of the project “**SULIEIA - MedPINet Winter School: Recognition and Diagnosis of Inborn Errors of Immunity**” (code TNE23-00011), funded by the NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN (PNRR) – MISSION 4 “Education and Research” – COMPONENT 1 “Enhancement of education services: from nursery schools to universities” – INVESTMENT 3.4 “University teaching and advanced skills”, sub-investment T4 “Transnational initiatives in education” – CUP E41I24000240006.

This call is aimed at the selection of 5 university students for participation in the Winter School.

The SULIEIA - MedPINet Winter School is a 5-day intensive program aimed at raising awareness among young physicians about the recognition of congenital immune disorders. These are high-mortality conditions, particularly prevalent in countries with high consanguinity rates, where neonatal screening programs are often not available. The School will include lectures by national and international experts, as well as interactive sessions in which students will present and discuss clinical cases. The program will cover topics such as molecular diagnostics, flow cytometry, and immune defects (cellular, humoral, innate immunity, dysregulation, and syndromic), providing theoretical and practical tools to improve early diagnosis and timely intervention. Dr. Giuliana Giardino (Department of Translational Medical Sciences, University of Naples Federico II) Dr. Imen Ben Mustapha (Department of Immunology, Pasteur Institute of Tunis, University of Tunis El Manar) are the program coordinators.

Art. 2 – Contents and Structure of the Winter School

A total of 5 university students will be admitted.

Courses will be held in English.

Eligible applicants must be enrolled at least in the 4th year of the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery or PhD students.

The Winter School will start on Monday, January 26, 2026, and will end on Friday, January 30, 2026. Lectures will take place at the Library – Building 11 PT of the University Hospital Federico II (Via S. Pansini 5, 80121 Naples).

Art. 3 – Admission Requirements

1. Candidates must be Students attending at least the 4th year of Medicine and Surgery, resident in Pediatrics, resident in Immunology or PhD students of any years, attending programs pertaining Immunology, Genetics, Pediatrics.
2. Candidates must be regularly enrolled in one of the following universities associated with the SULIEIA project:
TUNISIA: University of Tunis El Manar
ITALIA: Università di Napoli Federico II, Università della Campania Vanvitelli, Università della Basilicata, Mediterranea Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, Università del Sannio
3. Candidates must have a good practical knowledge of English (B1 level or higher).

Art. 4 – Application Procedure

The application form is available at the end of this call. Candidates must attach the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae in English (Europass format) with certifications, publications (including posters, abstract and oral presentations), and Grade Point Average (GPA) only for undergraduate students.
- Motivation letter (max 800 words).

Applications may be rejected for the following reasons:

- Late submission.
- Incomplete or incorrect application.
- Missing documents.
- False information.

Candidates must send all required documentation via email to giuliana.giardino@unina.it and in cc to didatticadismet@unina.it no later than November 29, 2025.

Art. 5 – Selection and Ranking

The selection will be carried out by the Selection Committee composed of:

- Giuliana Giardino, University Federico II
- Valentina Discepolo, University Federico II
- Armando Chianese, University Federico II

All candidates will be ranked according to their total score, structured as follows:

- 30% Academic profile:

Assessment based on GPA, academic publications, past and ongoing research projects, degrees, and relevant work or volunteer experiences.

- 50% Motivation:

Evaluation based on responses to the following questions: What motivated you to apply? What are your future goals? Why is this topic important for you? Clarity of ideas and originality will also be considered.

- 20% Oral interview:

The Selection Committee will invite shortlisted candidates to an online interview scheduled for December 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to assess their academic profile, motivation, and communication skills. A link for the online meeting will be sent via email.

In case of a tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate. The ranking list will be published within seven days after the selection. The top 5 candidates will be admitted to the Winter School, subject to acceptance within the deadline (see Art. 6). Remaining candidates will be placed on a waiting list.

Art. 6 – Admission and Acceptance

Selected students must confirm acceptance within 5 days from the publication of the ranking (final deadline December 23, 2025, 12:00 p.m.) by returning the completed acceptance form. Selected students will receive preparatory materials in advance, ensuring that the fundamental concepts of immunology are covered in advance.

Art. 7 – Accommodation and Meals

Attendance is free of charge for all selected students.

Accommodation and travel costs will be covered by the Department of Translational Medical Sciences.

All participants will be provided with buffet meals during lessons, as well as a welcome dinner and a closing dinner. Any food intolerances or allergies must be communicated well in advance to the Academic Coordinator.

Art. 8 – Policies

Attendance is mandatory. If a participant is unable to attend a session, they must inform the course coordinators, providing a valid justification.

At the end of the Winter School, students will receive an open badge of participation, provided that they have attended at least 80% of all sessions.

Art. 9 – Data Protection Notice

Candidates may access documents related to the selection procedure in accordance with applicable regulations, as set out in the University's Administrative Procedure and Access Regulation (Rectoral Decree no. 2294/2010 and subsequent amendments).

Personal data will be processed exclusively for purposes of registration, organization, communication, and ranking determination related to the Winter School, in compliance with EU Regulation 679/2016 (GDPR) and Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 as amended by Legislative Decree no. 101/2018.

For issues concerning data protection, candidates may contact the Data Controller at dip.scienze-medtras@pec.unina.it or the Data Protection Officer at rpd@unina.it / rpd@pec.unina.it. For any other information regarding this call, please contact didatticadismet@unina.it.

Full information on personal data processing is available on the University website: <http://www.unina.it/ateneo/statuto-e-normativa/privacy>.

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FEDERICO II

MedPINet Winter School in Naples –

January 26th-30th, 2026

Application form

* Title:	
* First name:	
* Family name:	

* Address:	
* City:	
* Postcode:	
* Country:	
Telephone:	

* e-mail address:	
* Confirm e-mail:	

* University degree (if any):	
* Job title (if any):	
* Institution/organisation:	

Main reason for wishing to attend the Winter School	
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How did you find out about the Winter School?	
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* I read the information on the processing of personal data	☐ YES
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Note: fields marked with * are compulsory