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- HAVING REGARD** the Statute of the University of Pavia, issued by Rector's Decree no. 46 of 09/03/2022 and published in the Official Gazette of 30/03/2022;
- HAVING REGARD** Law No. 240 of 30/12/2010, and in particular Article 18, paragraph 5, letter f;
- REFERRING** the Regulations for the Establishment and Awarding of Scholarships for Research Activities at the IUSS Pavia University School, issued by Rector's Decree No. 742 of November 27, 2025;
- CONSIDERING** the request of Prof. Francesco Benazzo, referred to in protocol no. 1878 of February 18, 2026, to initiate the selection procedure for the awarding of two scholarships for research activities, entitled "Prosthetic and Robotic Knee and Hip Surgery," to be activated within the Class of Human and Life Sciences;
- RECALLING** the resolution of the Council of the Human and Life Sciences Class of February 18, 2026, approving the activation of the aforementioned scholarship;
- CONFIRMED** the financial coverage provided by Zimmer Biomet funding;
- CONSIDERING** that the call for applications in question must be issued;

DECREES

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED

The IUSS University School of Pavia announces a selection procedure for 2 scholarships for postgraduate research activities, in accordance with the School Regulations, as detailed in Annex 1 to this call for applications, which forms an integral part thereof.

The research scholarships are intended for scientific research activities, under the supervision of a scientific supervisor, as well as participation in the School's research groups and projects in accordance with Art. 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010.

Art. 2 – DURATION AND AMOUNT OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The duration of the research grant is set out in Annex 1 to this call for applications.

The gross amount of the grant is set out in Annex 1 and is subject to the tax and social security regime provided for by law, in force at the time of payment of the amount. The amount paid is to be considered



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inclusive of any costs related to the performance of the research activity provided for in the project.

Grants are paid in monthly installments, unless the Scientific Director promptly notifies that the planned activity has not been carried out, in which case payment is suspended.

Art. 3 – PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Those who, at the date of submission of the application, hold a bachelor's or master's degree issued by a university, higher education institution, or equivalent qualifications obtained from foreign universities whose eligibility is verified by the Selection Committee, are eligible to apply for the research grants.

In the case of foreign qualifications, documents must be attached to the application to enable the Committee to decide on their equivalence. The qualification must be official in the university system of reference, issued by an officially accredited institution in the country of origin, and must be recognized by the Committee as equivalent, in terms of nature, level, and subject area, to the Italian qualifications indicated above, for the sole purpose of awarding the research grant. In foreign university systems that provide a single course of study integrating a second-level degree and a doctorate and that issue a single qualification, the Commission will assess the equivalence of the qualification, even if it is of a higher level.

Candidates who already hold such a degree at the date of submission of their applications may indicate the details of the decree of academic recognition of the degree (issued pursuant to Article 74 of Presidential Decree No. 382/1980, ex equipollenza, or Article 38 of Legislative Decree No. 165/2001).

Additional admission requirements may be specified in Annex 1 to this call for applications.

Those who are related or related by marriage up to and including the fourth degree to a professor belonging to the proposing Class or to the Rector or Director General may not participate in the selection process.

Art. 4 – METHOD AND DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Applications to participate in this call for applications, as well as qualifications, documents, and attachments deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation by the Commission, must be submitted electronically using the dedicated application on the page: <https://pica.cineca.it/iuss/>.

No other methods of submitting applications or documentation useful for participation in the procedure will be accepted.

The procedure for completing and submitting the application electronically must be completed no later than the deadlines indicated in Annex 1 to this call for applications.

After the deadline, no additional documents will be accepted, unless requested by the Administration.

The application can be accessed via SPID, selecting the IUSS Pavia University School from the list of available federations; alternatively, the application will require an email address in order to register with the system.

Applicants must enter all the data required to complete the application and attach the documents in electronic .PDF format.

The application form must be completed in full, as indicated in the online procedure.

Until the application deadline, the procedure allows you to save the data entered in "draft" mode, allowing you to modify and/or add to it. By the above deadline, the application for admission to the procedure must be completed in its final form, and the date of electronic submission will be certified by the computer system by means of a special receipt that will be automatically sent by email. Once the application has been submitted and the confirmation email has been received, it will no longer be possible to access the application to modify it, but it can only be withdrawn by clicking on the Withdraw button on the home page (dashboard). If necessary, the candidate may submit a new application.

Once the deadline for submission has passed, the system will no longer allow access to or submission of online applications.

Each application will be assigned a numerical identifier, which must be specified in any communication relating to the procedure.



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If you log in using SPID, no signature will be required when submitting your application. If you log in to the system using another method, the application for admission must be completed and finalized as follows:

- by digital signature, using a smart card, USB token, or remote signature, which allow the holder to sign generic documents using signature software on a PC or a web portal for Remote Signatures made available by the Certifier. Those who have a smart card or USB token for digital signatures can check its compatibility with the digital signature system integrated into the server system. If the result is positive, the holder can sign the application directly on the server (e.g., ConFirma);
- Those who do not have compatible digital signature devices and Remote Digital Signature Holders who have access to a portal for signing generic documents must save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC and, without modifying it in any way, sign it digitally in CADES format: a file with the extension .p7m will be generated, which must be uploaded back to the system. Any changes made to the file before the Digital Signature is affixed will prevent automatic verification of the correspondence between the content of that document and the original, and this will result in the exclusion of the application.
- if it is not possible to use either of the above options, the candidate must save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC and, without making any changes, print it and sign it by hand on the last page of the printout. This signed document must be scanned and uploaded to the system in PDF format.

For technical problems, contact support via the link at the bottom of the page <https://pica.cineca.it/iuss>.

Art. 5 – CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION FORM

In the application form, candidates must:

1. select the procedure in which they intend to participate, defined by the title of the research activity, the Scientific Director, the number of positions available, the total gross amount, and the duration of the scholarship;
2. declare that they have read the information on the processing of personal data and authorize the Data Controller and Data Processor to process their personal data in accordance with the terms specified in the information notice;
3. declare, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445 of December 28, 2000, that they assume responsibility for the truthfulness of the information provided in the application and that they are aware of the criminal penalties provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of the same decree.

Pursuant to Article 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, candidates must then declare, aware of the criminal liability in the event of false statements:

1. their personal details, place and date of birth, citizenship, tax code, residence and address chosen for the purposes of selection (if different from their residence), specifying the postal code, telephone number, email address and certified email address, if they have one;
2. possession of the qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call for applications, specifying the name of the qualification, the university where it was obtained, the duration, the final grade and date of issue, the title of the thesis and the name of the supervisor;
3. if the qualification was obtained abroad, possession of the academic recognition decree referred to in Article 3 of this call for applications or submission of a copy of the qualification obtained abroad and the certificate listing the exams taken and the corresponding grades. If the documents are in a language other than English, French, or Spanish, they must be accompanied by a certified translation;
4. any additional qualifications held;
5. that you have read the call for applications and meet the admission requirements set out in the call for applications by the deadline for submitting your application;
6. that they are not related by blood or marriage up to and including the fourth degree to a professor belonging to the proposing Class or to the Rector or Director General;
7. that you are aware of the provisions of the competition announcement regarding prohibitions on accumulation and incompatibility with the subject of the selection and that failure to remove any causes



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of incompatibility by the deadline for signing the contract will make it impossible to take up the research grant;

8. to undertake to communicate any changes relating to the statements made in this application by email to selezione.hr@iusspavia.it ;
9. that they have no criminal convictions and no pending criminal proceedings;
10. any need for assistance in the case of specific learning disorders or recognized disabilities pursuant to Law No. 104 of February 5, 1992.

Candidates must attach the following to their application:

1. research products deemed useful for the selection process;
2. other attachments deemed useful for the selection process;
3. a scientific and professional curriculum vitae suitable for carrying out research activities;
4. a valid identity document.

Art. 6 – EXCLUSION FROM THE SELECTION PROCESS

The following will result in automatic exclusion from the selection process:

- Failure to comply with the terms and conditions for submitting the application form;
- Failure to meet the requirements set out in Art. 3 and Annex 1 of this call for applications.

All candidates are admitted to the selection process subject to verification of the actual possession of the requirements necessary to participate in the selection; the Administration may, at any time, even after the interview has taken place, decide to exclude a candidate from the selection process. Exclusion shall be ordered by a reasoned decree of the Head of the Class to which the Scientific Director belongs and shall be communicated to the person concerned at the e-mail address stated in the application as the official means of communication for this selection process.

Art. 7 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

After the closing of the Call for Applications, the Selection Committee is appointed by decree of the Head of the Class to which the Scientific Director belongs and is composed of at least three professors or researchers who are experts in the subjects covered by the scholarship, including the Scientific Director, unless the latter declines.

The Committee appoints a Chair and a Secretary from among its members and may use electronic means of communication for its work.

The Committee assesses the equivalence of the qualification obtained abroad for the sole purpose of admission to the competition, as specified in Article 3 of this call for applications.

At the end of its work, the Commission shall draw up the minutes of the selection and send them to the Administration for the issuance of the award decision.

Article 8 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection of research grant recipients may be based solely on qualifications or on qualifications and an interview, in accordance with the procedures set out in Annex 1 to this call for applications.

The Commission has a total of 100 points at its disposal.

Research grants are awarded, in accordance with the ranking list, to candidates who have obtained a minimum overall score (qualifications or qualifications and interview) of 70/100.

At its first meeting, the Selection Committee shall establish the criteria and procedures for evaluating the required qualifications and any interviews.

The results of the evaluation of qualifications must be communicated to the candidates during the interview, where applicable.



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The IUSS School shall ensure that the proceedings are made public, in accordance with the provisions in force.

Art. 9 – AWARD

Research grants are awarded, according to the order of the ranking list, by decision of the Dean of the Class to which the Scientific Director belongs and shall take effect from the date indicated in Annex 1 to this call for applications or in the award decision, subject to acceptance by the recipient.

Art. 10 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT

The winner must sign the grant acceptance declaration within the deadline indicated in the ranking approval decision, which implies unconditional acceptance of the conditions of the selection call and the IUSS School's regulations.

Failure to accept within the specified time frame will result in automatic forfeiture in accordance with Article 15 of the Research Grant Regulations.

Signing the declaration of acceptance also implies a declaration, under one's own responsibility, that one does not fall under any of the prohibitions and incompatibilities provided for in the call for applications and the Regulations for Research Grants.

The ranking list will be used in the order in which it is formulated and, in the event of withdrawal or failure to accept within the deadline communicated by the Structure of the winner, or early termination of the grant, it may be awarded to another candidate. In this case, the order of the final merit ranking must still be followed, in accordance with the Regulations for Research Grants (Art. 15), and the remaining duration of the grant may not be less than the minimum duration of the grants established by the Regulations themselves.

Art. 11 – WAIVER AND FORFEITURE

In the event of renunciation by the recipients or forfeiture due to non-acceptance, the scholarships may be awarded to the candidates classified as eligible, according to the order of the respective rankings.

Those who do not declare their acceptance of the scholarship within the set deadline or who, despite having accepted the scholarship, do not demonstrate that they have started their research activity on the date indicated in the award letter shall forfeit their right to the scholarship. Delays due to serious health reasons or force majeure, duly proven, may be accepted provided that they are not incompatible with the time frame for carrying out the research that gave rise to the funding. In this case, payment of the scholarship will be made from the date of the actual start of the research activity, without prejudice to the duration of the scholarship itself.

Fellows who, after starting the planned research activity, do not continue it regularly and uninterruptedly for the entire duration of the fellowship without justified reason, or who are responsible for serious and repeated breaches, may be declared ineligible for further enjoyment of the fellowship.

The decision to revoke the scholarship will be taken by the Dean of the relevant department on the basis of a reasoned proposal by the scientific supervisor, after hearing the person concerned.

Art. 12 – EXTENSION

Research scholarships may be extended within the limits provided for and in accordance with Art. 6 of the Regulations for the establishment and awarding of scholarships for research activities.

The extension of a scholarship is proposed by the Scientific Director, subject to the favorable opinion of the relevant Class Council and that of the class where the scholarship holder will carry out the activity, if different from the previous one.

The extension may be funded by another source, provided that the research topic is related to the previous one, as agreed by the Class Council to which the Scientific Director belongs.



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Art. 13 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES

The scholarship holder shall be required to commence the activity on the scheduled date and to carry out the activity regularly and continuously for the entire duration of the research scholarship, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Scientific Director.

Short interruptions to the research activity may be justified only if due to health reasons or force majeure, duly proven.

For periods of absence exceeding 30 days due to maternity leave or prolonged illness, duly certified, the research activity shall be interrupted and the scholarship payment suspended.

The scholarship recipient is required to submit a complete and documented report on the program of activities carried out by the deadline(s) set by the Scientific Director, and in any case before the expiry of the research scholarship. Based on the evaluation of this report, the Scientific Director may propose to the Class Council the continuation or interruption of the research activity.

The scholarship holder is also required to comply with the IUSS School's Code of Ethics and Conduct, as well as other internal regulations.

The scholarship holder has the right to use the tools and equipment of the facility where he/she carries out his/her activities, for the sole purpose of carrying out the activities covered by the scholarship and in accordance with the directives of the Scientific Director.

Art. 14 – EXCLUSION OF EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

The performance of research activities following the award of a research grant does not entail recognition by the IUSS School as an employment relationship (full-time or part-time) or self-employment.

The awarding of research grants does not give rise to the right of access to the role of public bodies referred to in paragraph 1 of Art. 22 of Law 240/2010, nor can it be counted for the purposes of Art. 20 of Legislative Decree No. 75 of May 25, 2017.

Article 15 – INSURANCE

The cost of accident and third-party liability insurance shall be borne by the research fellow, unless already covered by the IUSS School.

Art. 16 – INCOMPATIBILITY AND ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The research grant is incompatible with:

- a. with scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions, which are useful for supplementing the research activities of the scholarship holder with stays abroad;
- b. with attendance at undergraduate, master's or doctoral degree courses, doctoral programs with scholarships, and medical specialization courses, in Italy and abroad;
- c. with research grants;
- d. with fixed-term or permanent employment contracts;
- e. with self-employment contracts, including quasi-subordinate contracts, without prejudice to the provisions of the second paragraph of this article;
- f. research contracts referred to in Article 22 of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010;
- g. with post-doctoral positions referred to in Article 22 bis of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010;
- h. with research assignments referred to in Article 22-ter of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010.

Attendance at a master's degree course or advanced training course may be authorized by the Scientific Director, where justified.

Fellows may carry out occasional work, subject to written notification to the Scientific Director and provided that:



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- a. such work is declared by the Scientific Director to be compatible with the training activities referred to in the research grant;
- b. it does not involve a conflict of interest with the specific training activity carried out by the scholarship holder;
- c. it does not prejudice the IUSS School in relation to the activities carried out.

Art. 17 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In accordance with the legislation on the protection of personal data (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as Art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the IUSS Pavia University School, as Data Controller (with registered office in Piazza della Vittoria, 15, 27100 Pavia PV – certified email address direzione@pec-iusspavia.it) informs that the processing of personal data collected at the administrative offices of the IUSS School is aimed at carrying out the selection process and for the assignment and management of the position; This will be done in compliance with the conditions of lawfulness set out in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, by authorized personnel, using procedures that may also be computerized, in the manner and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes. The data will be processed in accordance with the principle of necessity of processing and will be stored in accordance with the rules on the storage of administrative documentation.

The provision of such data is necessary to assess the requirements for participation and the possession of qualifications, and failure to provide such data may preclude such assessment, resulting in exclusion from the procedure. The data may be communicated to public administrations directly interested in the legal and economic position of the positively evaluated candidate and to all those public entities to which, in the presence of the relevant conditions, communication is mandatory (certifying administrations when checking the substitute declarations made for the purposes of Presidential Decree 445/2000).

Data subjects have the right to obtain from the IUSS Pavia University School, in the cases provided for, access to personal data and the rectification or erasure of such data or the restriction of processing concerning them or to object to the processing (Articles 15 et seq. of the Regulation). The specific request must be submitted to the Data Controller. Further information is available at the following link: <https://www.iusspavia.it/it/protezione-dati-personali>.

Art. 18 – PROCEDURE MANAGER

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, as amended and supplemented, the person responsible for the procedure referred to in this announcement is the Head of Human Resources, Procurement, Construction, and Assets at the IUSS School, Dr. Francesca Barone.

For further information, please contact the Human Resources Department (tel. 0382/375866 and/or 0382/375833 – e-mail: selezione.hr@iusspavia.it).

Art. 19 – REFERENCE

For anything not expressly covered in this announcement, the provisions of current legislation on the subject shall apply.

Pavia, date of registration

THE DEAN OF THE HUMAN AND LIFE SCIENCES CLASS

Prof. Nicola Canessa

(Document signed digitally in accordance with Legislative Decree 82/2005)



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Appendix 1

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| Research topic: | "Prosthetic and robotic knee and hip surgery" |
| Application deadline: | Opening: March 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Closing: March 31, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. |
| Selection method | Public selection based on qualifications only. |
| Duration of the scholarship: | 6 months |
| Number of positions available: | 2 |
| Amount of the grant for each position: | €15,000 total gross per institution €13,820 total gross per person €2,303.33 gross per month for the individual |
| Qualifications required for assignment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Degree in medicine and surgery.- Specialization in Orthopedics and Traumatology. |
| Skills required for assignment: | Knowledge and practice of knee and hip prosthetic surgery. |
| Facility where the research will be conducted: | IUSS University School – Poliambulanza Hospital Foundation, Brescia. |
| Research funds to be covered by the grant: | Zimmer Biomet funding |
| Professor or researcher who will supervise the scholarship recipient's activities: | Prof. Francesco Benazzo |
| Description of the research program: | The selected fellows will carry out the program simultaneously, with an effective start date no later than April 30, 2026. This deadline is mandatory and cannot be extended, as it depends on the timing of the funding grant. |



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The scholarship program will be based on clinical and research activities focused on joint prostheses and new technologies related to this topic.

The main topics of interest will be:

- Total and partial knee replacement.
- Hip replacement.
- Revision hip and knee replacement.
- Robotic partial and total knee replacement with the Rosa and Cori systems.
- New technologies related to joint prostheses, such as My Mobility and ZBedge.

Training objectives for the scholarship holder

The fellow will develop theoretical and practical knowledge related to the above topics, improving their skills, and will be asked to conduct a research project that will result in 1-2 articles to be published within 6-12 months of the end of the fellowship.

Weekly schedule for the scholarship recipient

The weekly schedule will be as follows:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday: 6:45 a.m. Shifts 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Operating room activities, afternoon research activities.

Thursday: 6:45 a.m. Shifts, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Consultation, afternoon research activities.

Friday: Operating room activities and research activities.

Weekends: free.