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POSEIDONE

Call for applications for 12 entries to each of the 2 Summer Schools funded under the Interreg Italy-Slovenija 2021-2027 Program

With this call, the University of Padua - Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA) proposes the participation of n. 12 students for each of the 2 Summer Schools funded under the POSEIDONE project "Poseidon - promotion of green and blue infrastructure dedicated to a new environment" (CUPH81G23000030007). The 2 Summer Schools are funded by the Interreg Italy-Slovenija 2021-2027 Program.

Art. 1 - General Information

The Summer Schools are held in-presence with the opportunity to participate in training and monitoring activities aboard the schooner "Catholica" (Goletta Verde), a sailing science laboratory dedicated to education and scientific research. Each Summer School includes a week-long itinerant training in the field of species conservation and the marine ecosystem of the Northern Adriatic, aimed at students and graduates of Italian and Slovenian Universities to increase practical skills, complementary to theoretical notions, expand knowledge on the issues of conservation of protected marine species and increase experience in field activities to facilitate the start of a working/professional career.

The planned activities on the Goletta Catholica and collateral activities will aim to involve, through hands-on activities at sea and ashore students, Ph.D. students, and recent graduates to learn innovative techniques for monitoring and sampling protected species. The planned activities consist of learning and applying:

- techniques for monitoring coastal and pelagic marine fauna, through the mentoring of international experts, including through the application of innovative technologies, with particular reference to *Pinna nobilis*, *Caretta caretta*, and *Tursiops truncatus*;
- ways of collecting and using data on anthropogenic activities (pollution, tourism, fishing, climate change, and coastal anthropization) to manage marine protected fauna and developing solutions to conflicts in the use of maritime spaces between anthropogenic activities and protected species;

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- public engagement approaches, communication, and dialogue with stakeholders functional to implement awareness-raising actions for local realities.

Through a selection made in the manner described below, 12 students will be chosen to attend each Summer School (total of 24 students for the two editions), including accommodation.

The Summer School will be held in Italian and Slovenian; the official working language will be English. The 2 editions are schedule like this:

- start from Sunday, June 8, 2025 and return on Saturday, June 14, 2025 (7 days).
- start From Sunday, July 20, 2025 and return on Saturday, July 26, 2025 (7 days).

During the activities, students will be asked to produce a trilingual logbook which will be posted on the project's main social channels. At the end of the classes, students will have to prepare a trilingual collective thesis on the achievements of the training course thus obtaining a certificate of participation.

Art. 1.1 Who is eligible for funding

This call is eligible at:

- Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD students enrolled in Universities in the project area (Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Slovenia) or already in possession of a degree from a University in the above-mentioned areas obtained starting from the academic year 2021/2022. Students from graduate and doctoral programs related to the project topics will be favored in the selection.

For degrees obtained from foreign Universities, eligibility is ascertained by the Examination Board.

Specifically, the following number of places are provided for each Summer School:

- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at a Slovenian University for a total of 6 participants;
- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at a University of the Veneto Region for a total of 3 participants;
- Students/graduates or PhD students enrolled at a University of the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia for a total of 3 participants.

Art. 1.2 Host Organization

The students will be hosted on board "Goletta" or in shore facilities, depending on the location and weather/climate conditions. The students will have to bear the costs of food and those of reaching the departure location of the "Goletta," while accommodation and expenses related to the various activities included in the program are included. For safety reasons on board Goletta, activities will be organized in such a way as to have a maximum number of 8 students on board and 4 students alternating in complementary activities who will take turns with a shared schedule at the beginning of the Summer School. This rotation will also be provided for overnight stays on the schooner and in alternative facilities identified by the organization. Overnight accommodations other than these are the responsibility of the

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students. The detailed program will be provided to the trainees at the end of the selections of the above notice.

Art. 1.3 Duration and period

The program will take place during June 8-14, 2025 and July 20-26, 2025.

The organization reserves the right to adapt the training activities to the weather-marine conditions and/or reschedule the Summer School if such marine conditions make the activity impossible for the entire planned period.

Art. 2 - Admission Requirements and Submission of the Application

Art. 2.1 Requirements for admission to the Call for Applications.

To participate in the selection, the applicant must meet the following requirements upon delivery of the application:

- Be regularly enrolled in one of the previously mentioned Universities and degree programs;
- Be in good standing with the payment of tuition fees.
- Have a good knowledge of the English language.

Students enrolled in Single Courses provided by the above Universities are NOT ELIGIBLE.

Students previously enrolled in a Summer School of the POSEIDONE project "Poseidon - promotion of green and blue infrastructure dedicated to a new environment" (CUPH81G23000030007) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Art. 2.2 Submission of the application

To apply for the program, students must submit:

- Application form duly signed (attached to this call for applications and also available at the link: <https://www.bca.unipd.it/news/termine/2>);
- *Curriculum Vitae* (in English);
- Copy of valid identity document;
- Motivation letter (in English);
- Other experience and qualifications relevant to the topics listed in the CV.

Documents must be submitted in PDF format in one of the following ways:

- Hand-delivered directly to the Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA) - Teaching and Postgraduate Sector Viale dell'Università, 16 35020 Legnaro (PD), during the following hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Sent by registered mail with return receipt (the candidate must ensure that the application is received by the time and date indicated above).
- Sent by email to the following address: ricerca.bca@unipd.it;

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- sent by PEC (Posta Elettronica Certificata).

In the case of an Italian applicant preferring the PEC option, it should be sent to the following address:

dipartimento.bca@pec.unipd.it

- by certified electronic mail (PEC), accompanied by a digital signature affixed to the same and to all documents in which the affixing of the autograph signature is envisaged in a traditional environment;
- by certified electronic mail (PEC) by transmitting a copy of the application signed in autograph form, together with a copy of the subscriber's identity document; all the documents in which the affixing of the handwritten signature is envisaged must be similarly transmitted in a signed copy. Copies of these documents must be scanned;
- Use the candidate's personal PEC ID (compliant with the regulations indicated in the DCPM of 27 September 2012) together with the relevant documentation. Static and non-directly modifiable formats, free of macro-instructions and executable codes, preferably PDF, must be used for the telematic submission of documents. Documents must not exceed 1MB in weight.

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All applications must be submitted by the following dates:

Summer School Edition	Application Deadline
8-14 June 2025	30 April 2025
20-26 July 2025	29 May 2025

Applications may not be received by any other means and incomplete applications will be automatically excluded.

Art. 2.3 Selection Criteria

Applications will be selected by a Commission composed of 3 commissioners, one for each geographical area with relevant expertise.

The Commission will evaluate the applications and assign a ranking list for each geographical area.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Evaluation of the *Curriculum Vitae*;
- 2) Motivational interview;
- 3) Other experience and qualifications inherent to the topics inferable from CV;

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4) Assessment of language skills inferable from CV and interview.

Applicants will be notified of the date of the motivational interview and how it will be conducted via email by the following dates:

Summer School Edition	Dates Communication Interviews
8-14 June 2025	5 May 2025
20-26 July 2025	12 June 2025

If the number of applicants to each Summer School is equal to or less than the maximum number of 12 students the motivational interview stage will not be conducted and the selection will be made solely based on the evaluation of qualifications.

Each candidate may apply for both Summer Schools but may be admitted to only one of them. The allocation will be made according to the time order of the events and the preferences expressed by the candidate, respecting the merit ranking. If a candidate who has applied to participate in both editions is not selected for the first, he/she will be automatically placed on the ranking list for the second edition, without the need to submit a new application.

Art. 2.4 Rankings

The ranking list and arrangements for accepting mobility will be published by the following dates at the webpage: <https://www.bca.unipd.it/news/termine/2>

Summer School Edition	Dates Communication Rankings
8-14 June 2025	12 May 2025
20-26 July 2025	27 June 2025

An email will also be sent to the winners who must confirm their acceptance of the assigned mobility. In the event of non-acceptance, the student will be believed to be withdrawn.

If the number of places available in each geographical area is not reached, the rankings in the other geographical areas will be filled. If the minimum number of participants (8 students) not be reached, the summer school will be canceled/rescheduled.

Article 3 – Insurance

For health insurance coverage during a stay in countries of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, it is generally sufficient to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. Please note: students who are non-EU citizens registered with and dependent on the

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National Health Service cannot use the EHIC as it is not provided for by current EU legislation (Regulation EC 859/2003). They are therefore invited to contact their Local Health Company in any case.

The University of Padua will take care of accident and liability insurance coverage for students enrolled in the Summer School, which is also valid for those traveling abroad. More information on insurance coverage abroad can be found on the University website at: <https://www.unipd.it/assicurazione>.

The aforementioned insurances only cover accidents occurring during training and/or work placement activities.

Article 4 - Final Provisions

Under Article 4 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, Ms. Benedetta-Elisa Bixio is hereby appointed Administrative Procedure Manager.

Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the records of the competition procedure by the procedures set out in Presidential Decree No. 184 of 12 April 2006 (Regulations governing access to administrative documents in compliance with Chapter V of Law 241/90).

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Science
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