

National Regulations Italy



1. Ministry of Health

Italian research units willing to apply to the present call are required to meet the *criteria* of the present “Guidelines” and of the rules running for the “Ricerca finalizzata” (<http://www.ministerosalute.it/> into the area “Ricerca sanitaria/Ricerca finalizzata/Bandi), for all the issues which are not specified in or in contrast to the present guide.

The main national criteria to be fulfilled are listed as follows:

- The Principal Investigator (PI), either he/she is proposed as coordinator or partner in the project, has to be part of the staff of an Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (IZS).
- No more than 3 IIZZSS can be associated in the same project (comprehensive of the applicant).
- Other eligible institutional partners (Destinatari Istituzionali, DI) and other research organizations (Istituzioni Esterne, IE) are allowed to be part to the project on the basis of specific agreement and/or contract as sub unit with the IZS proposing the project.
- Each researcher can apply to the present call with only one proposal as coordinator or partner.
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- The maximum project duration is three years (36 months).
- A copy of the pre-proposals and of the full proposals, have to be submitted also to the “Dipartimento per la sanità pubblica veterinaria, la nutrizione e la sicurezza degli alimenti - Ufficio II” at the following address: marina.bagni@sanita.it and m.ianniello@sanita.it ; the above will apply also in the case of partnership in an not Italian coordinated project.

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2. Ministry of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies

Research Institutions can apply for funding for research projects of up to ...xx... years’ duration.

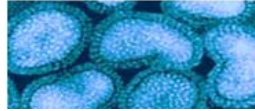
The Italian Ministry of agricultural food and forestry policies has no particular restrictions for what concerns the nature of the applicants.

As “Research institution” we mean University Departments and Institutes; Research Councils and Agencies both private and public; no profit bodies and agencies or private company (SMEs) and labs.

Collaborative projects between several institutes must be forwarded as a joint application. The application must contain a description of the management of the project, including organization. The individual partners’ activities, responsibilities and financial involvement, including co-financing, must be clearly stated in the application. A collaborative project has only one project manager and one contact person from each collaboration institute.

Restrictions

It is mandatory, for all the research institutions as defined above, that they state in the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation, memorandum of association) that among their missions they also “perform research activities” and not only “promote, or support research activities”.



The only difference between private labs or companies and public bodies or no profit agencies, is the percentage of contribution.

For what concerns the private labs and companies it is possible to finance up to 60% of approved project costs; for the public bodies it is possible to finance up to 100% of approved project costs. The funds are transferred to the beneficiary in three steps: 1st step: 65% of the approved costs immediately at the issue of the Ministry decree (contract between the Ministry and the beneficiary); 2nd step: 25% of the approved costs once the mid-term report (both scientific and administrative) has been approved; 3rd step: 10% of the approved costs once the final report has been approved.

Admitted costs

Salaries (Staff costs) – Only for non permanent scientific staff (including foreign visiting scientists, post.doc, PhD students, fellowships and grants) and technical administrative staff.

Private research institutes, budget actual salary costs per hour used (i.e. without overheads/general costs). Instead of monthly reporting, the number of effective hours has to be stated.

Running costs, travel expenses – Expenditure that is necessary for accomplishing the project, including analyses, expenditure in connection with meetings and travel expenses.

Apparatus – Applicants must provide the necessary apparatus for the project themselves. If this is not possible, consideration will be given to obtaining the apparatus applied for. Applications for a funding for *Apparatus* must be accompanied by an explanation and three estimations of costs coming from three different suppliers companies. Only depreciation expenses will be reimbursed except for PC and/or note books.

Other costs – E.g. consultancy services, where the institution acquires full rights of exploitation. Applications for funding of *other costs* must be accompanied by an explanation describing the details of the matter.

Overheads – no more than 10% of the sum of the above mentioned costs, “Apparatus” excluded

Additional forms

Once the project has been approved by the call committee, during the negotiation each Italian research Institution has to fill in a form called “Modello C”, which represents the full proposal of the project in Italian. If the Italian institution is also playing the role of coordinator it must fill in another form “Modello A” too.

The forms will be made available on the Ministry website at the following address: <http://www.politicheagricole.it/RicercaSperimentazione/default>

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