**RESEARCH SERVICES DIVISION**

**PIANO DI SOSTEGNO ALLA RICERCA (PSR) 2025**

**LINEA 4: MEASURES TO FACILITATE ARRIVAL BY DIRECT CALL**

**OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS**

The University of Milan, as part of the Piano di Sostegno alla Ricerca (PSR) 2025 and in line with the 2025-2030 University Strategic Plan, has approved (Academic Senate and Board of Directors of March 2025) the allocation of 700,000.00 euros for the **fifth edition of Linea 4 funding to facilitate the arrival through direct call of competitive scientists and scholars for the benefit of the entire University**.

The negotiations for the transfer of scientists and scholars, both in the case of calls from abroad and from another national body, are very complex and have a variable duration of 12/36 months, from the first contacts with the Principal Investigator (PI), up to the definitive displacement of the PI, of his team, any research funding and any laboratories.

In order to facilitate the resolution of the various complexities related to relocation, cover the related costs and compete with other institutions in Italy and Europe in terms of attracting scientists, the **Senate and the Board of Directors have agreed to allocate research funds on a "counter" basis and with amounts negotiable between the interested parties and the University Governance (Rector, Vice-Rector for Research and Technology Transfer and Department Director) depending on the type of situation, within the budget limits indicated by this line, to the following figures:**

1. Italian and foreign PI who have been awarded an ERC project and intend to transfer it to La Statale through portability and who will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 through direct call, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI - up to a maximum of **€50,000.00**;
2. Italian and foreign PI who, during the proposal phase, despite residing abroad, have chosen La Statale as host institution to submit an ERC project, won the project, and joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the project itself, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI - up to a maximum of **€50,000.00**;
3. Winners of the MUR Rita Levi Montalcini Call for Proposals who, during the proposal phase, have chosen La Statale as host institution and who will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with direct call as RTDB/RTT with funding from the Rita Levi Montalcini project itself - up to a maximum of **€25,000.00**;
4. Fellows who have been awarded *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships* (*H2020-MSCA-IF*) and/or *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships* (*Horizon Europe-MSCA-PF*) who have chosen La Statale as host institution during proposal phase and joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with direct call as a research fellow with funding from the project itself - up to a maximum of **€20,000.00**;
5. Winners of the new Young Researchers Call promoted by MUR regarding MSCA and MSCA SOE programmes, who have chosen La Statale as Host Institution during the proposal phase and who joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the MUR project itself - up to a maximum of **€20,000.00**;
6. Italian and foreign PI who have already won a MUR FIS project and intend to transfer it to La Statale through portability (if allowed by the specific edition of the call for applications) and who join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 through direct call, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI - up to a maximum of **€50,000.00** (New);
7. Italian and foreign PI who, at the proposal stage, despite residing or working abroad, have chosen La Statale as their host institution to submit a MUR FIS project and have won it and will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the project itself, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI - up to a maximum of **€50,000.00**;
8. scientists and scholars based abroad who are considered of high strategic value who decide to move their laboratories to the offices / spaces of the University, contributing to the development of wide-ranging teaching and research for the benefit of the entire University, and who are appointed, taking service in the calendar years 2024 and 2025, in the role of professor with the organic points reserved for award positions for the benefit of the whole University - up to a maximum of **€150,000.00.**

**Interested parties must submit a specific request, presenting an *ad hoc* project and a detailed plan for the use of the funding.**

**ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND REPORTING GUIDELINES**

**LINEA 4 PSR 2025**

The grant, the expenditure of which must be strictly related to the implementation of the project, may be used for:

1. consumables;
2. *software* licenses;
3. purchase and/or co-financing of basic research equipment and IT tools;
4. expenses for external services to be assigned exclusively to legal entities;
5. conferences and travels;
6. organization of events and workshops, including international ones;
7. expenses for membership fees related to conference participation;
8. expenses related to publications (to be assigned exclusively to legal entities), including digital format, in which the recipient of the contribution has a position of responsibility (examples: printing costs, costs for reproduction rights for texts and images, costs for multimedia supports, costs for editing and editorial processing);
9. expenses for translations and linguistic revisions closely related to publications to be assigned exclusively to legal entities;
10. expenses for relocating equipment (from another institution to UNIMI);
11. fees for enrolment in advanced courses and/or courses on the use of technologies;
12. “incarichi di ricerca” fellowships.

The following will not be eligible:

* “assegni di ricerca” fellowships;
* PhD fellowships;
* scholarship for promising graduates;
* fixed-term researchers, RTDA and RTDB;
* tenured-track fixed-term researchers, RTT;
* research contracts law 79/2022;
* grant individual assignements, fixed-term employment contracts;
* fixed-term and permanent technologists, self-employment contracts (professional and occasional);
* purchase of office furniture;
* operational and environmental overheads;
* advertising and representation costs;
* expenses for the purchase of vehicles and the operation of means of transport;
* training costs.

Funding recipients must provide a scientific report based on the template provided by the University. From a financial point of view, the report must indicate only the total amount spent as per the U-GOV project specifically opened for funding. Unused funds will be recovered by the University.

The report from the Department must be sent to the Research Services Division (e-mail unigest@unimi.it). Periodic checks to monitor expenditures may be carried out

**Below is the templateto use**

**for the 2025 funding request**

**TEMPLATE TO REQUEST FUNDS - LINEA 4 PSR 2025**

**GUIDELINES**

The *template* must be fully completed, signed, converted to PDF format and uploaded **no later than November 14, 2025 at 12:00** to the elixForms platform at the following link:

<https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module_preview.jsp?MODULE_TAG=Ricerca_PSR2025_Linea4_favorireCHIAMATA&ELANG=it&IATL=it>

The *template* can be filled in Italian or English. If necessary, you can contact:

officina.ls@unimi.it for [LS](https://www.unimi.it/it/ricerca/cosa-studiamo) Departments

officina.pesh@unimi.it for [PE](https://www.unimi.it/it/ricerca/cosa-studiamo) and [SSH](https://www.unimi.it/it/ricerca/cosa-studiamo) Departments

**A maximum total length of 15 pages is suggested.**

**Ethics section is mandatory in all funding lines promoted by the University of Milan and is not counted in the 15 pages.**

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TEMPLATE

* **Name and Surname of the applicant (PI)**:
* **Applicant's institution of origin**:
* **Starting date at the *University of Milan***:
* **End date of the current contract with the *University of Milan:***
* **If grant holder (ERC, Rita Levi Montalcini, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship, MUR per MSCA e SOE, FIS), indicate the title of the funded project and the corresponding call (es. ERC Starting Call 2021):**

 **Specify in the box below for which type you submit a request (only one choice):**

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| a) Italian and foreign PI who have been awarded an **ERC project** and intend to transfer it to La Statale through portability and who will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 through direct call, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI |  |
| b) Italian and foreign PI who, during the proposal phase, **despite residing abroad, have chosen La Statale as host institution to submit an ERC project**, won the project, and joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the project itself, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI |  |
| c) **Winners of the MUR Rita Levi Montalcini** Call for Proposals who, during the proposal phase, have chosen La Statale as host institution and who will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with direct call as RTDB/RTT with funding from the Rita Levi Montalcini project itself |  |
| d) Fellows who have been awarded **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships** (H2020-MSCA-IF) and/or **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships** (Horizon Europe-MSCA-PF) who have chosen La Statale as host institution during proposal phase and joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with direct call as a research fellow with funding from the project itself; |  |
| e) Winners of the new **Young Researchers Call promoted by MUR regarding MSCA and MSCA SOE programmes**, who have chosen La Statale as Host Institution during the proposal phase and who joined La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the MUR project itself; |  |
| f) Italian and foreign PI who have already won a **MUR FIS project and intend to transfer it to La Statale** through portability (if allowed by the specific edition of the call for applications) and who join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 through direct call, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI; |  |
| g) Italian and foreign PI who, at the proposal stage, **despite residing or working abroad, have chosen La Statale as their host institution to submit a MUR FIS project** and have won it and will join La Statale in the calendar years 2024 and 2025 with a direct call funded by the project itself, moving to the offices / spaces owned by UNIMI; |  |
| h) **scientists and scholars based abroad who are considered of high strategic value who decide to move their laboratories to the offices / spaces of the University**, contributing to the development of wide-ranging teaching and research for the benefit of the entire University, and who are appointed, taking service in the calendar years 2024 and 2025, in the role of professor with the organic points reserved for award positions for the benefit of the whole University. |  |

1. **Title of the project for which the contribution is requested under Linea 4 of the PSR 2025**:
2. **State of the art** *(provide information regarding the transfer/start of employment of the PI at the University of Milan. Specify whether the transfer has already been completed or is still in progress, whether research equipment has been or is being moved, whether portability grants are being or have been transferred, and whether team members or doctoral students have been or are being transferred. Indicate any critical issues encountered., etc)*:
3. **Brief description of the project for which the grant is requested** *(The project proposal may concern both the transfer procedures at the University of Milan and the methods by which the PI wishes to integrate and create their own research group/line within the University of Milan and the Department)*:
4. **Activities** (*present the activities that will be included in the project*):
5. **Contextualization of the intervention** (*describe the research context in which the activities will be carried out. In particular, please describe the specific subject area in which you wish to intervene, explaining its importance within the University of Milan and the specific department*):
6. **Impact** (*outline the expected impact in terms of new skills acquired and the enhancement of the University of Milan and the Department*):
7. **Future prospects** (*e.g. will the project lead to the implementation of research and networking activities? Will it encourage new collaborations with for-profit organisations? New international collaborations? Internal and interdisciplinary collaborations? Will it encourage applications for and the awarding of new grants? etc.*):
8. **Other relevant information** (*Please include in this section any type of information relevant to the evaluation of the proposal*):
9. **Short CV of the applicant**:
10. **Economic plan** (*Include in this section any additional information that better allows you to understand the expenses charged to the project*):
11. **Economic plan details** (fill in the table below)

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| **ECONOMIC PLAN DETAILS** |
| **COST ITEMS FOR LINEA 4 PSR 2025** | **SPECIFY DETAILS AND ANY TIME FRAME** | **€** |
| a) consumables |  |  |
| b) *software* licenses |  |  |
| c) purchase and/or co-financing of basic research equipment and IT tools |  |  |
| d) expenses for external services to be assigned exclusively to legal entities |  |  |
| e) conferences and travels |  |  |
| f) organization of events and workshops, including international ones |  |  |
| g) expenses for membership fees related to conference participation |  |  |
| h) expenses related to publications (to be assigned exclusively to legal entities), including digital format, in which the recipient of the contribution has a position of responsibility (examples: printing costs, costs for reproduction rights for texts and images, costs for multimedia supports, costs for editing and editorial processing) |  |  |
| i) expenses for translations and linguistic revisions closely related to publications to be assigned exclusively to legal entities |  |  |
| j) expenses for relocating equipment (from another institution to UNIMI) |  |  |
| k) fees for enrolment in advanced courses and/or courses on the use of technologies |  |  |
| l) “incarichi di ricerca” fellowships |  |  |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED** |  |  |

The following will not be eligible:

- “assegni di ricerca” fellowships;

- PhD fellowships;

- scholarship for promising graduates;

- fixed-term researchers, RTDA and RTDB;

- tenured-track fixed-term researchers, RTT;

- research contracts law 79/2022;

- grant individual assignements, fixed-term employment contracts;

- fixed-term and permanent technologists, self-employment contracts (professional and occasional);

- purchase of office furniture;

- operational and environmental overheads;

- advertising and representation costs;

- expenses for the purchase of vehicles and the operation of means of transport;

- training costs.

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**The following section must be completed**

**for all funding lines promoted by the University of Milan.**

**ETHICAL ISSUES (IF RELEVANT)**

*Ethical issues include voluntary participation (adult healthy volunteers, children, patients, persons not able to give consent etc.), informed consent, anonymity, confidentiality, potential for harm, and results communication.*

*When considering ethical issues, make sure you follow a stepwise approach in your decision-making process: carefully go through all aspects of your proposed workplan, recognize all possible issues, identify the problem and who is involved, try to minimize the risk and mitigate its impact.*

*PIs are asked to declare whether the research should be reviewed by an ethics committee in order to comply with the appropriate ethical standards.*

*Please remember that all research involving human beings (use of human beings’ data or samples or any other ethical issues) must be reviewed by an ethics committee.*

*Please remember that all research involving live animals or animal tissues/organs must be reviewed by the* [*Organismo Preposto al Benessere Animale (OPBA)*](https://www.unimi.it/it/ateneo/governance-e-linee-strategiche/organi-di-governo/organismo-preposto-al-benessere-degli-animali) *and authorized by the competent authorities.*

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**QUESTIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC ETHICAL ISSUES**

**1)DATA PROTECTION:**

**1a)** Does the research involve the processing of personal data (‘personal data’ means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (‘data subject’); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person)?

□ Yes □ No

**1b)** Does the research involve the processing of data that belong to special categories of data (‘Personal data belonging to special categories’ are data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation’)?

□ Yes □ No

**1c)** Does the research involve the conduct of surveys?

□ Yes □ No

**1d)** Does the research involve data collection by third parties and/or data sharing with third parties (research partners or service providers)?

□ Yes □ No

**1e)** Does the research involve the acquisition of biological samples already collected by third parties (hospitals, private practices, private clinics)?

□ Yes □ No

**2)ANIMAL WELFARE**

**2a)** Does the research involve live animals or animal tissues/organs?

□ Yes □ No

**2b)** Have the procedures on animals already been authorized by the competent authorities?

□ Yes □ No

**2c)** Do the personnel carrying out animal procedures and involved in the specific research project have the training required by current legislation?

□ Yes □ No

**Below are some instructions for managing Linea 4 of the PSR 2025 in case of funding.**

**N.B. This section is an integral part of the template and should not be deleted::**

* The project must start on March 2, 2026;
* The Department hosting the PI will be responsible for opening the CUP.;
* The grant will be paid in a single tranche (100% of the total amount) and the project must be completed by March 1, 2028.;
* if, at the end of the project, the amounts spent (i.e. committed) and reported are lower than the amounts allocated, the unused amounts will be recovered from the University budget;
* The primary purpose of this funding scheme is to facilitate the integration of the PI within the University and does not include the *portability* of funding. Consequently, in the event of termination of the PI's employment with the University of Milan (e.g. due to transfer or termination), the funding cannot be transferred to another entity;
* For a proper management of the funding, the PI shall constantly interact with the Administrative Office of the Department and with the other appropriate offices;
* Publications resulting from funding must become publicly available through the AIR archive after a maximum embargo period of six months (green open access) or directly through open access publication (gold open access). Data produced during research activities must also be managed in accordance with FAIR principles, as required by the university's Research Data Management policy: <https://www.unimi.it/it/ricerca/dati-e-prodotti-della-ricerca/scienza-aperta>;
* For any ethical implications of the project and any involvement of animals for experimental purposes, it is necessary to contact the *Ethics Committee Office* (comitato.etico@unimi.it) and the *Office of the Animal Welfare Body* (OPBA) (segreteria.opba@unimi.it) in advance;
* For all issues relating to the protection of potentially innovative results of the Project, as well as issues related to the exchange of confidential materials and/or information, please contact the Intellectual Property Office (tto@unimi.it);

Place and date

 Signed

 Name and Surname