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Call for applications for one collaboration contract on the ERC project AI-COMP Artificial Intelligence and Competition

1. Premise

Luiss Guido Carli invites applications for a comparative selection procedure based on qualifications for one collaboration contract under the National Collective Bargaining Agreement for Collaborators at Private Universities (ACNC). The contract will support research activities within the project AI-COMP – Artificial Intelligence and Competition, Grant Agreement No. 101098332, CUP I83C23000870006, funded by the European Union under Horizon Europe – European Research Council (ERC). The Principal Investigator is Professor Emilio Calvano, Department of Economics and Financial Markets.

2. Subject of the contract

The collaborator will support the project's research on the interaction between artificial intelligence and market competition. The project examines how AI-driven decision-making affects pricing, market structure and consumer welfare. The scientific area is Economics.

Under the direction of the Principal Investigator, the collaborator will carry out the following activities:

(i) Search, collect and summarise the relevant economic literature.

(ii) Collect, clean and organise datasets and run econometric and statistical analyses devised by the Principal Investigator.

(iii) Write and maintain code for the simulation of algorithmic and theoretical models of market interaction.

(iv) Prepare tables, figures, notes and other material for working papers, policy reports and presentations, and help with the organisation of project workshops.

3. Location duration and remuneration

The activities will be carried out under the supervision of the project's Scientific Coordinator, who will verify the performance of the contract and the consistency between the results achieved and the objectives set. The results of the activities carried out under the contract will belong to Luiss.

Location: Luiss premises.

Duration: 8 months, starting from the first day of the month following the award of the contract, subject to completion of the administrative procedures.

Commitment: the collaborator will perform the activities specified in this call, in coordination with the Principal Investigator and in accordance with the contract.

The gross remuneration for the eight-month contract is EUR 24,000.00, inclusive of the contributions payable by the collaborator. Remuneration will be paid in monthly instalments in arrears from project funds.

4. Admission requirements

Applicants must hold a PhD in Economics or a closely related discipline, awarded in Italy or abroad, and have proficiency in English. These requirements must be fulfilled by the application deadline.

For admission to the procedure, candidates must also:

• Hold Italian citizenship, citizenship of another European Union Member State, or citizenship of a third country. Italians outside the Republic are treated as Italian citizens.

• Enjoy their civil and political rights.

• Be free from criminal convictions and from measures concerning the application of preventive measures, civil decisions and administrative measures entered in the criminal records database.

• Declare the absence of pending criminal proceedings.

The following qualifications and experience will be positively evaluated:

• Experience in empirical or computational research in applied microeconomics, including industrial organisation, labour, education, digital markets or the economics of artificial intelligence, including as co-author of working papers or publications.

• Proven ability to carry out empirical and computational work, including proficiency in statistical and programming tools such as R, Python or Stata, experience in constructing and analysing large datasets, and experience in simulating economic models.

Applicants holding a qualification awarded outside Italy must attach documentation enabling its assessment in accordance with the legislation applicable in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, and with applicable international treaties or agreements.

Applicants are ineligible if, at the application deadline, they are related by blood or marriage up to the fourth degree inclusive to a professor affiliated with the department or unit responsible for this call, the Rector, the Managing Director or a member of the University's Board of Directors, pursuant to Article 18(1)(b) and (c) of Law No. 240/2010, as amended.

Failure to fulfil or declare the prescribed admission requirements will result in exclusion. Candidates are admitted conditionally. The Administration may exclude a candidate at any stage by a reasoned decision where the prescribed requirements are missing.

5. Applications

Applications must be submitted through the online application form linked from the relevant call on the Luiss website:

https://www.luiss.it/ricerca/bandi-di-selezione

The deadline is 3:00 p.m., Rome local time, on the seventh day counted from the day following publication of this call. If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it is extended to the first working day thereafter.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

• Curriculum vitae.

• Copy of a valid identity document.

• PhD certificate; applicants holding a qualification awarded abroad must also provide the supporting documentation specified above.

• Signed declaration of absence of conflicts of interest, using the form available on the call's webpage.

Applicants may also submit up to two publications or working papers and any other documentation useful for the evaluation.

After submitting the online application and its attachments, candidates will receive a confirmation message at the email address provided. If the confirmation email is missing, please contact the Research Office at ricerca@luiss.it.

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will be excluded. Luiss declines responsibility for failure to receive applications due to causes attributable to third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

The Administration will verify the truthfulness of the declarations submitted. False declarations may result in forfeiture of benefits obtained and criminal liability for falsification of documents or false statements.

Submission of an application constitutes full acceptance of the conditions set out in this call.

Candidates with disabilities within the meaning of Article 3 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992 may request the accommodations provided for in Article 20 of that Law, attaching certification of the specific disability issued by the competent local medical commission.

6. Selection criteria

The selection will be carried out by an Evaluation Committee through an assessment of the qualifications, curriculum vitae, research experience, technical skills and supporting documents submitted, including any publications or working papers. The assessment will consider their relevance to the activities and requirements described in this call. The procedure is based on qualifications only.

The maximum overall score is 30 points. The minimum score for eligibility is 18 points.

7. Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee will be appointed by a specific Rector's decree after the application deadline. It will comprise three full members and one substitute member. One of the full members will act as recording secretary.

8. Evaluation outcome

The outcome of the comparative selection procedure and the final ranking will be published on the Luiss website, on the page relating to this call: https://www.luiss.it/ricerca/bandi-di-selezione.

The Committee will formulate an overall assessment for each candidate and compile a ranking in descending order of the scores obtained. The ranking will remain valid until the project's end date for needs directly related to the project and its implementation. In the event of equal scores, the younger candidate will be given precedence. Publication constitutes formal notification to candidates.

The selected candidate will receive the contract offer at the email address provided in the application. Acceptance is required within seven days of receipt; failure to accept within that period will result in forfeiture of the offer.

A selected foreign national must meet all applicable employment requirements for foreign nationals at the time of signing. The contract is individual and indivisible. It expires at the end of the agreed term, with automatic renewal excluded.

9. Publication

This call will be published on the Luiss website at https://www.luiss.it/ricerca/bandi-di-selezione.

10. Processing of personal data

Pursuant to Article 13 of Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), personal data supplied by candidates will be processed in compliance with the applicable legislation and confidentiality obligations. The privacy notice is available on the call's webpage.

The data controller is Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, with registered office at Viale Pola 12, Rome. Data will be processed to manage this comparative selection procedure and, where applicable, the award of the collaboration contract for academic research and dissemination of results.

11. Disputes

The Courts of Rome shall have exclusive jurisdiction over disputes relating to the interpretation and performance of this call.

12. Other rules

For matters beyond the provisions of this call, reference is made to the National Collective Bargaining Agreement for Collaborators at Private Universities (ACNC), the Italian Civil Code and the relevant EU and national laws and regulations in force.

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