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**Call for funding for research
projects for junior researchers
*Bocconi ERC StG Pilot Studies***

Objectives

The aim of this call for funding is encourage Junior researchers to participate in an ERC StG proposals, providing them with the necessary resources to develop a pilot study related to their field of interest.

This funds are granted within "So.Co.GI.RI - *Support to the junior researchers' competitiveness*", (RIF. 2014-1973), a project funded by Regione Lombardia and Fondazione Cariplo.

This is an internal call for training and support actions tailor-made for candidates Principal Investigators (PI) who intend to submit a proposal to the next call ERC StG at Bocconi.

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Terms and condition

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- Applicants will be asked to submit a short project proposal by **11th May, 2017**.
- Funds are allocated on a competitive basis through an evaluation procedure detailed below.
- These funds can be awarded to researchers affiliated to Bocconi University and its Research Centres.
- Researchers who apply to this program commit themselves to participate as PI in the next ERC StG calls (2017 or 2018)* having Bocconi as Host Institution. If an ERC grant is awarded to the PI, the funding bodies (Regione Lombardia and Fondazione Cariplo) of Bocconi Pilot Studies request that at least 50% of the research activities is carried out at Bocconi University.

* Indicative deadlines Oct. 2017

Eligible candidates and projects

The program is limited to:

- researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree) and scientific track record showing great promise
- at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor
- a promising CV and track-record of early achievements appropriate to their research field and career stage
- researchers who have never submitted an ERC Starting grant proposal

The Bocconi ERC StG Pilot Studies supports high quality research with potential excellent publication outcomes. This is a plausible first stage in the process of gaining an ERC grant and enhances the researchers' performance and profile.

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Funding 1/2

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- The budget shall not exceed 10.000€.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to prepare realistic budgets that accurately reflect what is actually required to achieve the project aims. Applications may be funded at amounts lower than those requested, either because of constraints on the budget or because items in a project budget are deemed insufficiently justified.
- Any unexpended balance at the end of the project will be transferred back.
- The research projects last maximum one year, although some exceptional documented extensions may be taken into consideration (delays e.g. for the screening of the ethical aspects, fieldwork data collection, etc.).

Funding 2/2

The funds may be used for the following expenses:

- research assistants
- data collection (including digitization of existing data)
- data processing
- purchase of databases if not available in the Library
- purchase of specific software for research
- missions (e.g. for data collection or research activities with coauthor aimed at developing the ERC project proposal)
- training and support activities directly linked to the ERC StG proposal to be submitted subsequently

It is expected that all research projects should be able to be completed using the infrastructure (e.g. office space, storage space, information technology, and library facilities) that is normally available.

Content of proposals

Applicants will be asked to submit a short proposal including:

- description of the research project to be carried out and in particular the scientific nature, the method of analysis to be followed and the links with the literature highlighting the innovative aspects
- expenditure forecasts with a detailed description of the items
- curriculum vitae and list of publications of the principal investigator

Applications have to be presented using this [Application form](#) also available at the following [link](#)

Evaluation procedure

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- The Research Committee evaluates the proposals received (project, cv of the principal investigator, scientific publications), in case with the support of external referees (for this purpose proposals must be written in English).
- The Committee assigns a score to each proposal, a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 10, producing a ranking, that the Dean for Research shares with the Rector, for his final approval.

Contacts

The Research Division is available to evaluate your eligibility or for any other queries.

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