1. General Rules
UniCredit Foundation is announcing a competition for one research grants for research projects in the fields of economics and finance, fully funded by the UniCredit company, Cordusio Sim. The competition is open to young researchers of any nationality employed at the Alma Mater University of Bologna.

2. Details of the grants
The competition is open to young researchers of any nationality employed at the Alma Mater University of Bologna (i.e. post-doc, assisenst di ricerca, ricercatori RTDA, RTDB). Nationality is not relevant as an eligibility requirement; one born after 1982 when applying (while for women the year of birth may be increased by one year per child); 3) have a PhD in economics or finance; 4) present a research project not yet financed with funds generating income increase.

The topic of research must be in the fields of economics or finance.

Grants are considered commencing from May 2019.

3. Eligibility requirements
To be eligible for the competition, applicants must
1) be assistant professors or research assistants or employed in an equivalent position at the Alma Mater University of Bologna (i.e. post-doc, assisenst di ricerca, ricercatori RTDA, RTDB). Nationality is not relevant as an eligibility requirement;
2) be born after 1982 when applying (while for women the year of birth may be increased by one year per child);
3) have a PhD in economics or finance;
4) present a research project not yet financed with funds generating income increase.

4. How to apply
Candidates may only apply online using the application form available on the Foundation’s website at www.unicreditfoundation.eu

- In the application each candidate must indicate:
  - her/his first name, surname, nationality, date and place of birth;
  - her/his mailing address, including post code, as well as telephone number and e-mail address;
  - a short description of the research project;
  - that she/he has never been convicted of any crimes and that she/he has never been held in preventive detention or under house arrest;
  - that there are no criminal proceedings pending against her/him;
  - that she/he authorizes the Foundation to process her/his personal details, pursuant to regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents (submitted online in PDF format and in English). Failure to do so may result in the exclusion from the competition:
- Curriculum Vitae
- one copy of a currently valid identification document
- at least one letters of reference written by international experts in the research field of the submitted project. Letters must be sent separately via e-mail by the experts to the Foundation address (see contacts below)
- research project (max 5 pages)
- implications of the project on candidate’s university and cooperation with other universities, explaining how the project could contribute to improve international cooperation and increase the reputation of the candidate’s university in the scientific community (max 1 page)
- indication of expected submissions of the research to international conferences

5. Application deadline
Candidates’ applications, complete with the accompanying documentation, must be delivered by internet no later than January 31, 2019, following the procedure indicated in the aforementioned internet site. When this deadline is reached, the online application procedure will be disabled. As soon as the procedure is considered completed and the submission process closed, the candidate will receive a confirmation message to her/his e-mail address confirming the full acceptance of her/his application.

6. Scientific Committee
The Foundation’s Scientific Committee will be responsible for the selection procedure and will identify the winners of the grants. The Scientific Committee is composed of at least five members among experts in economics and finance from the main European countries. In assessing candidates, the Scientific Committee will take into account their academic curriculum, research project, academic and research track record, referee reports. The Scientific Committee may invite candidates for an interview or seminar before selecting the winners.

7. Awarding date
The grants will be awarded by 15 March 2019 by the Chairman of the Foundation on the basis of the final decision expressed by the Scientific Committee as provided for under Art. 6.

8. Requirements for receipt of the grants
Grants shall be awarded for a duration of one year.

The grant holder is obliged to report to the Foundation on the results of her/his research by the end of the year, submitting a final paper to the Foundation’s Scientific Committee confirming the full acceptance of her/his application.

9. Method of payment
The grant is paid in two installment. One installment in advance (€5,000 gross) at the end of the project, after the submission of the report. The Foundation reserves right not to pay the second installment not yet accrued in the event of interruption of the research project.

10. Possible cooperation with UniCredit Companies
UniCredit reserves the right to offer those awarded the grants employment or any form of cooperation with Group companies.

11. Acceptance of all the conditions of the regulations
Participation to the competition implies unconditional acceptance of the entire contents of these regulations.

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