

Call Coordinator-MSCA-DN@UNIFI

Art. 1 – Purpose and object of the call

The University of Pisa, as part of its actions to support participation in European funding programmes, launches a **support scheme** for researchers interested in submitting project proposals as **Coordinators** under the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks (DN)¹ call 2026**, opening on 28 May 2026 and closing on 24 November 2026.

The initiative aims to support applicants throughout the various stages of proposal development—from the definition of the scientific concept to the drafting of the scientific, training, and impact sections—ensuring effective alignment with the objectives, evaluation criteria, and priorities of the MSCA-DN programme. Through this initiative, the University aims to increase the success rate of its proposals while promoting internationalisation and the quality of doctoral training.

Beneficiaries of the support scheme will be selected according to the evaluation criteria set out in Article 5.

The services available to each selected beneficiary, within the maximum budget allocated per proposal of **€12,200.00** (€10,000.00 + 22% VAT), for a total budget of €61,000.00, may include support for:

- the design of the proposal, including the definition of objectives, training programme, and work plan;
- the drafting of the proposal across its different sections;
- the review of the proposal across its different sections.

This support will be provided by a consultancy company selected by the University of Pisa.

Art. 2 – Recipients of the call

The call is open to researchers at the University of Pisa who intend to submit a project proposal under the MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 call, with the University acting as Coordinator of the network.

Art. 3 – How to submit the application and deadline

Applicants must submit the following document by email to **progettazione.ricerca@unipi.it**, in **PDF format** and written in **English**:

Annex 1 – Project Summary, including a concise description of the project, the scientific ambition in relation to the state of the art, the composition of the international consortium, and the roles of the participating organisations.

The deadline for submission is **20 June 2026 at 23:59** (the date and time of the email submission shall be considered proof of submission).

Art. 4 – Evaluation procedure

Applications submitted under the Coordinator-MSCA-DN@UNIFI call will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee coordinated by the Vice-Rector for Research Promotion

¹The objective of the MSCA Doctoral Networks is to develop innovative doctoral training programmes through partnerships of academic and non-academic organisations from across Europe and beyond. Doctoral programmes may be standard, industrial, or joint doctorates. Through international, interdisciplinary, and intersectoral training opportunities, MSCA Doctoral Networks aim to train highly qualified doctoral candidates, fostering their creativity, innovation capacity, and long-term career prospects within and beyond academia

The Committee may be supported by experts in the scientific fields relevant to the submitted proposals. These experts are required to maintain confidentiality regarding all information contained in the proposals under evaluation.

Art. 5 – Evaluation criteria

Project proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- scientific ambition in relation to the state of the art (up to 50 points);
- composition and characteristics of the proposed international consortium (up to 50 points).

Only proposals achieving a minimum total score of 80/100 will be selected.

Art. 6 – Publication of the results

This call and its annexes are published in the Research section of the University of Pisa website.

Upon completion of the evaluation process (and in any case by 26 June 2026), the list of selected proposals will be published on the University website on the page dedicated to this call <https://www.unipi.it/en/research/support-and-incentives/>

Successful applicants will also receive formal notification including the contact details of the consultancy company and the timeframe within which support activities may be initiated.

From that moment, beneficiaries may request the support services deemed necessary by contacting the consultancy company and copying the Directorate for Research and Knowledge Valorisation.

Art. 7 – Person in charge of the call

According to Article 5 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure is Dr Mauro Bellandi, Head of Directorate for Research and Knowledge Valorisation, University of Pisa, Lungarno Pacinotti 44, Pisa, Italy e-mail: mauro.bellandi@unipi.it

Art. 8 – Personal data

Personal data shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), Italian Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, and the University of Pisa Regulation on the Protection of Personal Data adopted by Rectoral Decree No. 866/2019 of 27 May 2019.

Annex:

- Annex 1 – Project Summary Template