Scuola Superiore Meridionale

SCUOLA SUPERIORE MERIDIONALE
Call for Applications

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE
12 October 2026

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ARTICLE 1
(Award)

The Scuola Superiore Meridionale announces a comparative procedure, as per art. 18, par. 4, of l. 240/2010, as amended, for the recruitment of one full-time Associate Professor (second tier) in GSD 06/MEDS-09 Blood Diseases, Oncology and Rheumatology, SSD MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology, for the needs of the Scientific-Technological Area of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, in accordance with the legislation in force prior to the entry into force of Law No. 129 of 16 July 2026, pursuant to the transitional regime provided for by Article 3, paragraph 1, of the same Law, and in accordance with the specifications set out in the sheet attached to this call, which forms an integral part thereof:

Area	GSD	SSD	n. position	n.Annex
Scientific and Technological	06/MEDS-09 Blood Diseases, Oncology and Rheumatology	MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology	**1**	**Annex_1**

ARTICLE 2
(Rights and duties)

This procedure is subject to provisions set by the rules and bylaws of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale regarding the hiring of full and associate professors, pursuant to Articles 18 and 24 of Law 240/2010. Especially relevant are the provisions under Title V "*Legal status of tenured professors*", to which reference should be made for further details.

ARTICLE 3
(Financial coverage)

Expenditures for salary costs are entirely under the budget of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale.

ARTICLE 4
(Participation Requirements)

Applicants need to possess the following requirements, under penalty of exclusion, to participate to the present call:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- enjoyment of civil and political rights: those deprived of the right to vote are not eligible for employment;
- not having been convicted for criminal offences incompatible with the status of state employee; any

such conviction would lead either to disqualification from employment by the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, as per Article 127, first paragraph, letter d) of the Consolidated Text of the provisions concerning the status of civilian state employee, issued by Presidential Decree no. 3 of 10/01/1957, or to dismissal;
- not to have been dismissed or discharged from employment by Public Administration for recurrent inadequate performance, nor to have been declared disqualified from a State job, as per Article 127, first paragraph, letter d) of the Consolidated Text of the provisions concerning the status of civil employees of the State, issued by Presidential Decree no. 3 of 10/01/1957; finally, not to have been dismissed for just cause or justified subjective reason, nor for having obtained employment by producing false documents or by fraudulent means;
Foreign candidates need to possess the following general requirements:
(a) enjoy civil and political rights also in the States of which they are citizens;
(b) possess all the other requirements, as set out above for Italian nationals;
(c) have adequate knowledge of the Italian language.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

The comparative procedures referred to in this notice are open to:
a) scholars holding a valid Italian National Scientific Qualification (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale) for the position of Associate Professor (second tier), pursuant to Article 16 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, in the competition sectors corresponding to the Scientific Disciplinary Groups covered by this call for which they intend to apply, as determined pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 639/2024, for the academic rank and functions covered by the procedure, or for a higher academic rank and functions, provided that they do not already hold such higher rank and functions;
b) professors currently serving at other universities in the academic rank corresponding to that for which the selection procedure is being held;
c) scholars permanently engaged abroad in research or university-level teaching activities in positions equivalent to that covered by this call and working in a field corresponding to the Scientific Disciplinary Group covered by this call, on the basis of the equivalence tables established by the Ministry.
The following persons may not participate in the procedure:
those who, during the three years preceding this call, have served at the Scuola Superiore Meridionale as tenured Full Professors, tenured Associate Professors, permanent researchers, or fixed-term researchers pursuant to Article 24, paragraph 3, letters a) and b), of Law No. 240/2010; those who have held research fellowships or have been enrolled in courses at the Scuola Superiore Meridionale during the same three-year period; or those covered by the appointment procedure referred to in Article 7, paragraph 5-bis, of Law No. 240/2010.
Persons who are related by blood or marriage, up to and including the fourth degree, to a member of the Steering Committee (Comitato Ordinatore) or to the Director General of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale may not participate in this procedure.

Those who are eligible for the call are required to state in their application their knowledge of the required foreign language.
Applicants need to already possess all requirements by the deadline set by the call, under penalty of exclusion.

ARTICLE 5
(Submitting an application)

Applications are to be submitted, together with any attachment (if required) only electronically by using the dedicated application available at the following web address:

https://pica.cineca.it/ssm/pa-ssm-2026

no later than 12 October 2026.
Failure to submit by this deadline will imply exclusion from the procedure.
To access the PICA online application, candidates must log in using SPID or register and authenticate exclusively through a PICA account, in accordance with the instructions provided below.
Once authenticated, candidates must complete the application form, ensuring that all required information is entered and that any necessary documents are attached in electronic PDF format, as specified in the online application procedure.
Attachments of up to 30 MB are allowed. (In the case of image copies of analogue original documents, attachments are required to be in PDF/A format and preferably scanned in black and white, with a resolution not exceeding 200 DPI).
Applicants self-certify the truthfulness of their statements and, as per Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445 of 28 December 2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, declare to be aware of the penalties provided for by Articles 75 and 76 of the same Presidential Decree in the event of untrue declarations or should they create or use false documents.
Applicants are also required to attach the following documents to their application and enter them into the above-mentioned PICA website:
A) CURRICULUM VITAE, complete with a LIST OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS;
B) the scientific publications submitted for analytical evaluation, within the upper limit set out in the procedure reference form, numbered in the progressive order reported in the "CURRICULUM VITAE, LIST OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS". If texts accepted for publication are submitted, the publisher's acceptance document is also required to be attached;
C) a photocopy of a valid identification document; this applies, under penalty of exclusion, only if the applicant completes the application with a handwritten signature.
Publications are required to be submitted in their original language if they are published in Italian, French, English, German or Spanish language. Otherwise, the publications are required to be translated into Italian or English; translated texts can be submitted in typewritten copies together with the text in the original language.
Scientific publications will not be taken into consideration by the Commission for the purposes of the analytical evaluation of scientific production even if they are within the upper limit set by the reference forms attached to this call for proposals, if they are mentioned in the "CURRICULUM VITAE, LIST OF EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS", but not uploaded in the PICA website. Likewise, publications uploaded in the PICA website but not mentioned in the "CURRICULUM VITAE, LIST OF EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS" will not be taken into consideration by the Commission for the purposes of the analytical evaluation of scientific production. Furthermore, any text accepted for publication but lacking the publisher's acceptance document will not be evaluated.
The following shall constitute grounds for exclusion from this selection procedure: submission of the application and the relevant attachments after the deadline specified in this call; submission of the application and the relevant attachments by means other than those specified in this Article; possession of one or more general and/or specific requirements different from those prescribed in Article 4 of this call; failure to meet one or more of the general and/or specific requirements set out in the preceding Article 4; failure to provide a valid identification document where the application is completed with a handwritten signature.

Candidates shall be informed of their exclusion and the grounds thereof exclusively through the publication, in anonymised form, of the relevant decision on the Official Online Notice Board of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale.
Publication of the exclusion decision on the Official Online Notice Board shall constitute official notification for all legal purposes, with no obligation to provide any further communication.

ARTICLE 6
(Establishment of Selection Committees)

Once the deadline for submitting applications has expired, a Selection Committee shall be appointed. It shall consist of three professors serving at Italian universities and/or Special-Status Higher Education Institutions, of whom at least two shall be Full Professors and, where applicable, one shall be an Associate Professor, belonging to the Scientific Disciplinary Group to which this procedure refers or to any Scientific Disciplinary Sectors specifically indicated.

ARTICLE 7
(How comparative procedures are carried out)

The evaluation takes place on the basis of criteria that each selection commitee establishes in a preliminary meeting, and are advertised to the candidates through publication in the appropriate section of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale website dedicated to the selection.

ARTICLE 8
(Evaluation of scientific research activity)

The Commission will assess the research activity of the candidates on the basis of their entire scientific production, of their scientific publications submitted and of their other qualifications.
The evaluation of scientific research activity will take into account the following aspects:
a) organising, directing, coordinating and participating in national and international research projects and groups; especially important is the ability to attract research funding as proven by the successful participation (as local, national or international coordinator) to competitive calls for funding;
(b) management of cultural and research institutes, or of internationally recognized scientific journals;
(c) research activities carried out at public or private, Italian or foreign entities on the basis of contractual or otherwise formalised relationships; special attention will be paid to the degree of autonomy acquired by the candidate with respect to the research groups within which his/her initial training took place, as well as to his/her ability to act as a leader of research activities, devising new lines of investigation and contributing to promoting and expanding the network of national and international scientific collaborations;
(d) attainment of patent ownership;
(e) participation as invited speaker and organisation of national and international conferences, participation in editorial boards of internationally recognized scientific journals;
(f) obtaining national and international prizes and awards for research activities.
The evaluation of scientific publications is carried out on the basis of the following criteria:
a) originality, innovativeness, methodological rigour and scientific relevance of each publication;
b) consistency of each publication with the subject areas of the Scientific Disciplinary Group and the Scientific Disciplinary Sector for which each individual position is advertised, or with closely related interdisciplinary subject areas;
c) scientific relevance of the editorial location of each publication and its dissemination within the scientific community;
d) analytical determination, also on the basis of criteria accepted by the relevant international scientific community, of the individual contribution of the candidate if he or she is a participant in collaborative work;
In areas where its use is internationally accepted, the Selection Committees are also allowed to one or more of the following indicators, to be calculated at the date in which the evaluation procedure will start:
1) total number of citations;
2) average number of citations per publication;
3) total 'impact factor';

4) Average 'impact factor' per publication;
5) combinations of the previous parameters to enhance the impact of the candidate's scientific production (Hirsch index or similar).

ARTICLE 8

(Evaluation of teaching and student service activities)

For the purposes of assessing teaching activities, supplementary teaching activities and student support services, the teaching activities carried out by the candidate shall be evaluated, also taking into account experience in teaching and in coordinating educational programmes at universities and highly qualified research institutions, with particular attention to experience gained abroad or in international contexts. Activities as a supervisor or tutor of doctoral or degree theses, both in Italy and abroad, shall also be evaluated.The teaching test, which is required for all candidates, shall be assigned a score, and its evaluation shall contribute to the percentage weight referred to in the following Article 10-

ARTICLE 9

(Evaluation of management, organisational and service activities)

For the purposes of assessing management, organisational and service activities, the volume and continuity of the activities carried out shall be taken into account, with particular reference to management positions and responsibilities undertaken within collegial bodies and committees at universities and research centres, including foreign institutions, as well as at the Ministry of University and Research

ARTICLE 10

(Weights to the elements under evaluation)

The Selection Committee shall apply the percentage weights specified in the Technical Sheet attached to this call in assessing:
a) teaching activities, supplementary teaching activities, student support services, and the teaching test required for all candidates;
b) scientific research activities;
c) management, organisational and service activities;
d) any additional activities, where applicable.

ARTICLE 11

(Teaching test)

Each candidate will be required to take a teaching test in accordance with the procedures indicated in the Technical Sheet attached to this call. **the relevant timetable will be be advertised to candidates exclusively through an online notice to be published – no less than 20 days before the date of the test – on the Official Online Notice Board of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale and on its institutional website.**
24 hours before the date set for the test, an online notice will be published – on the official online notice board of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale as well as on its institutional website – itemizing three topics, all related to the general and methodological themes of the scientific field indicated by each candidate, from which the candidate will be allowed to select the subject of the teaching test. (Each candidate will be identified via a code assigned by the PICA website at the moment of submitting the application form).
The publication of the timetable on the School's official online notice board has the value of official notification for all legal purposes for candidates. No further communication will be

given. Where provided for in the relevant technical sheet, the Committee shall verify the candidate's language skills.
Absence of the candidate on the date indicated in the timetable will amount to renouncing, for all intents and purposes, to participate in the comparative procedure.

ARTICLE 13
(Referral to the unabridged official version)

This procedure is subject to provisions set by the rules and bylaws of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale regarding the hiring of full and associate professors, pursuant to Articles 18 and 24 of Law 240/2010.
For any matter not mentioned in this call please refer to the Regulations for the hiring of full and associate professors, pursuant to Articles 18 and 24 of Law 240/2010.
This document is an abstract of the original Italian-language call of SSM "Procedura comparativa ai sensi dell'art. 18, comma 4, della legge 240/2010 s.m.i. per la chiamata di n. 1 professore universitario di ruolo di seconda fascia, a tempo pieno, nel GSD 06/MEDS-09 Malat-tie del Sangue, Oncologia e Reumatologia, SSD MEDS-09/A Oncologia Medica per le esigenze dell'Area Scientifico-Tecnologica della Scuola Superiore Meridionale, secondo la disciplina vigente anteriormente all'entrata in vigore della legge 16 luglio 2026, n. 129, in applicazione del regime transitorio previsto dall'articolo 3, comma 1, della medesima legge e secondo le specifiche indicate nella scheda allegata al presente bando che ne costituisce parte integrante".
For details please refer to the unabridged official version in Italian, available at the following link: Procedura comparativa ai sensi dell'art. 18, comma 4, della legge 240/2010 s.m.i. per la chiamata di n. 1 professore universitario di ruolo di seconda fascia, a tempo pieno, nel GSD 06/MEDS-09 Malattie del Sangue, Oncologia e Reumatologia, SSD MEDS-09/A Oncologia Medica per le esigenze dell'Area Scientifico-Tecnologica della Scuola Superiore Meridionale, secondo la disciplina vigente anteriormente all'entrata in vigore della legge 16 luglio 2026, n. 129, in applicazione del regime transitorio previsto dall'articolo 3, comma 1 (cod.rif. PA_SSM_2026) – Scuola Superiore Meridionale
In case of discrepancies between the English version and the Italian document, the Italian version shall Prevail.

Annex_1

Comparative procedure pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 4, of Law No. 240/2010, as amended, for the recruitment of one full-time Associate Professor (second tier) in GSD 06/MEDS-09 Blood Diseases, Oncology and Rheumatology, SSD MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology, for the needs of the Scientific-Technological Area of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale

Specific duties to be performed by the professor: teaching and scientific research activities relating to the disciplines falling within Scientific Disciplinary Sector MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology.

Teaching activities, supplementary teaching activities and student support services:
Type of teaching and scientific commitment required of the professor: teaching activities relating to the disciplines pertaining to SSD MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology, through lectures, practical classes, supplementary teaching and support for undergraduate and PhD students, in accordance with the schedule established by the competent academic bodies and the needs of the relevant academic structure (Scientific-Technological Area).
Teaching activities shall be particularly oriented towards multidisciplinary scientific and professional training, enabling students to combine basic knowledge with its possible applications. The teaching commitment shall be determined by the competent academic bodies. Guidance, tutoring and support for the preparation of degree and doctoral theses shall also be required, together with dissemination and outreach activities for the relevant academic structure (Scientific-Technological Area).
The overall annual commitment for teaching activities, supplementary teaching and student support services shall amount to 350 hours for full-time staff. Teaching activities may also be carried out in English.
Scientific research activities shall be consistent with the description of SSD MEDS-09/A Medical Oncology, with particular reference to head and neck cancers and brain tumours.

Maximum number of publications: 20

All candidates shall take the teaching test in Italian, in a Scientific Disciplinary Sector of their choice included within the Scientific Disciplinary Group covered by this procedure.
As part of the overall assessment:
- teaching activities, supplementary teaching activities, student support services and the teaching test shall carry a weight of 45%;
- scientific research activities shall carry a weight of 45%;
- management, organisational and service activities shall carry a weight of 6%;