



## **Call for applications to the comparative selection procedure for n. 1 collaboration contract on the project “Leveraging Argument Technology for Impartial Fact-Checking” – LATIF**

### **Premise**

A comparative selection procedure, based on qualifications and possible interview, as it was approved at the Luiss University Guido Carli Executive Committee on May 28, 2024, is hereby opened for the assignment of n. 1 collaboration contract – according to the National Collective Bargaining Agreement for Collaborators at Private Universities (herein after “ACNC”) within the project titled “**Leveraging Argument Technology for Impartial Fact-Checking**” – LATIF, funded by the European Media & Information Fund (EMIF) as managed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation., (hereinafter “the project LATIF”), UPC: I53C23000140007.

### **1. Description of the Project LATIF and object of the Contract**

The project LATIF is coordinated by the research center Data Lab at Luiss University Guido Carli - specialized in data, new technologies, artificial intelligence in the fight against disinformation. Within the project LATIF, Data Lab coordinates a high-profile international team composed of experts in digital narratives and disinformation in collaboration with the University of Dundee, the University of Liverpool and with the think tank T6 Ecosystems.

The project LATIF brings the methodology of Competing Hypothesis Analysis (ACH) into the fact checking domain to counteract and control cognitive biases in the fact checking process. The project will develop a new generation of ACH based digital tools to enhance and improve decision-making processes of fact-checking organizations.

The project LATIF begins with a qualitative assessment of fact-checkers' understanding and identification of cognitive bias and then exploits these insights to inform the design of a digital infrastructure to improve fact-checkers' decision-making processes towards impartiality (de-bias fact-checking tool). The usefulness of these tools will then be assessed through the feedback provided by fact-checkers and by observing potential changes in the public visibility of fact-checks enhanced by combining qualitative and quantitative methodologies. The selected candidate will collaborate with the entire Data Lab network in achieving the objectives including the Italian Digital Media Observatory, the national hub of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), with Rai, Tim, Pagella politica, NewsGuard, University of Tor Vergata, the Gedi Group with the Republic and others national and international supporters.

The **purpose of this comparative selection procedure** is to **select 1 (one) Dissemination Manager for activities on social network analysis aimed at understanding diffusion flows of information and promoting the dissemination of high-quality information.**

Her/his key responsibilities include developing and managing dynamic online communication strategies, including content creation and social media analysis, and utilizing data visualization and management tools to support the analysis and presentation of research findings.

The Dissemination Manager will be involved in externally co-funded projects, bringing expertise in both online and offline communication.

The candidate will collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to develop digital tools based on the Analysis of Competing Hypotheses (ACH) methodology, conduct usability testing with fact-checkers, gather feedback, and iterate on tool enhancements.

Additionally, She/he will prepare research findings for publication in academic or professional journals and present results at conferences or workshops.

## **2. Location, duration, and remuneration**

Research activities will be carried out at the research center Data Lab at Luiss University Guido Carli under the supervision of the Scientific Coordinator of the project, who will verify correct performance of the contract and the consistency between results achieved and objectives set.

The contract is expected to start, compatibly with the timing of administrative procedures, in the current month and the duration is set in the contract following the comparative selection process, until the end of the project (October 31, 2024).

Tacit renewal of the contractual relationship is excluded.

Presence in Rome is a requirement.

The gross amount of the contract, according to Italian legislation (pursuant to articles 13 and 14 ACNC), is set at € 10.570,00 (ten thousand fifty hundred and seventy/00 Euro), net of social security contributions to be paid by Luiss University Guido Carli.

The remuneration is subject to social security contributions in a shared percentage with the University. This amount varies on a yearly basis: for 2024, it corresponds to a maximum share of 35.03%.

A share of 2/3 of the annual social security contributions is charged to the employer, while the remaining 1/3 share is charged to the employee (normally, the gross salary amount stated on the contract you signed includes the 1/3 share of social security contribution charged on your salary, while it does not include the residual 2/3 which is separately paid by the University).

Luiss University Guido Carli will automatically pay the whole amount due as social security contributions monthly to INPS [National Social Security Institute - Cassa Gestione Separata]

Payments will be made in deferred monthly instalments to be taken from the grant assigned to Luiss University Guido Carli for the project LATIF – (Grant Agreement nr: 268755)



### 3. Admission requirements

Admission to the comparative selection procedure is allowed providing the following requirements, failing which the candidate will be excluded.

#### **Candidates in possession of the following educational qualifications issued by Italian institutions**

- Master’s Degree (Laurea magistrale) obtained under the provisions of D.M. 270/2004 in Political Science and International Relations.
- Master’s Degree (Laurea specialistica) obtained under the provisions of D.M. 509/1999 in Political Science and International Relations.
- Laurea obtained under the provisions in force before D.M. 509/1999 which had a legal duration of at least 4 years in Political Science and International Relations.

Academic title obtained in a foreign university and declared equivalent by the Italian Ministry of Education (MIUR) to an Italian title granting access to PhD programmes (as indicated above)

#### **Candidates in possession of an educational qualification issued by EU institutions:**

Master’s Degree issued by an officially recognized academic institution, which allows access to the Research Doctorate in the country of issue, and which is comparable in terms of duration, level, and disciplinary scope, to the Italian qualification required.

#### **Candidates in possession of an educational qualification issued by non-EU institutions:**

Master’s degree issued by an officially recognized academic institution, which allows access to the Research Doctorate in the country of issue, and which is comparable in terms of duration, level, and disciplinary scope, to the Italian qualification required.

In any case, for admission to the comparative evaluation selection procedure it is necessary that the candidates:

- a) Enjoy civil and political rights.
- b) Not have a criminal record and not be the addressee of measures concerning the application of preventive measures, civil decisions and administrative measures entered in the criminal records database.
- c) Be aware that they are not undergoing criminal proceedings.

The following additional requirements will be positively evaluated:

- First Level Specialising Master (MASTER di PRIMO LIVELLO) or equivalent qualifications obtained abroad in Journalism and Multimedia communication or similar fields.
- Second Level Specialising Master (MASTER di SECONDO LIVELLO) or equivalent qualifications obtained abroad in Journalism and Multimedia communication or similar fields.
- Proficient in Social Media Analysis and Qualitative Methodologies: Extensive experience with tools such as Final Cut Pro, Premiere, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, WordPress, Audacity, Google Analytics, Google Ads, Radio Assist, Business Manager, Flourish for WordPress, and Trello.
- Previous experience in working on applications to social sciences with an understanding of social media analysis and in particularly understanding of online disinformation phenomena.
- Understanding Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Platforms, and the multimedia communication.
- Communication Skills and ademption at team management, and skills in disseminating research results through major social media channels.



- Experience in public speaking and presenting complex information effectively.
- Proven track record of working in international environments.
- Language Proficiency: Excellent command of written and spoken English.

The present comparative selection procedure is not open to those who, on the date of the deadline for the submission of applications, are related, by blood or marriage up to the fourth degree inclusive, to a professor affiliated with the department or unit responsible for this notice of competition, the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the Board of Directors of the University, pursuant to articles 18(1)(b) and 18(1)(c) of Law No. 240/2010 as amended.

The prescribed requirements must be fulfilled by the deadline set out herein for the submission of applications. In the absence of fulfilment of the prescribed requirements for admission or in the absence of a declaration of their fulfilment, the candidate will be excluded from the procedure.

Candidates are admitted conditionally. At any time and by means of a decision stating the reasons therefore, the Administration may exclude a candidate from the procedure for failure to fulfil the prescribed requirements.

#### **4. Applications**

Applications must be sent through the online form available on the Luiss University Guido Carli's website at the following link: <https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls> without exception, no later than 12pm (CEST, UTC+2) on the tenth day running from the day after the date of publication of this call for applications. If the deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be extended to the first working day thereafter.

The following documentation must be attached to the application:

- a) Curriculum vitae in English where to indicate the level held of English Knowledge and any certifications.
- b) Motivation letter.
- c) Copy of the awarded Education Qualification for the admission to the selection procedure and of the First Level Specialising Master (MASTER di PRIMO LIVELLO) or equivalent educational and specializing qualifications obtained abroad (and in those cases, all supporting documents useful for the evaluation of the qualification by the appointed Committee).
- d) Copy of a valid identity document.

After the submission of the online application, including the required documents too be attached, candidates will receive a confirmation message at the e-mail address indicated. In case of non-receipt of the aforementioned email, contact the Research Office (06.8522.5989 - [ricerca@luiss.it](mailto:ricerca@luiss.it)).

Incomplete applications or applications sent and not received by the deadline will not be considered. Luiss University Guido Carli declines all responsibility for non-receipt of applications deriving from any causes attributable to third parties, fortuitous events, or force majeure.



Finally, it should be borne in mind that the Administration will check the truthfulness of the content of the declarations in lieu received and that, in addition to forfeiture of any benefits obtained on the basis of untrue declarations, the candidate could well be criminally liable for falsification of documents and making false statements.

The submission of an application to participate in this comparative selection procedure shall constitute full acceptance of the conditions set out herein.

Candidates with disabilities, within the meaning of article 3 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, may apply in their application for the facilitations provided for in article 20 of the same law (additional time, special aids, etc.), attaching certification relating to the specific disability issued by the competent local medical commission.

## **5. Selection Criteria**

The selection will be based on qualifications and a possible interview and carried out by a specially appointed Evaluation Committee.

Admission to the possible interview will be established by the Committee after verification of fulfilment of the admission requirements as deduced from the curriculum and documentation submitted by the candidates.

The overall final score -up to a maximum of 40 points- will be given by the sum of:

- the score achieved for qualifications – 30 points
- the score achieved in the possible interview – 10 points

The minimum score to attain eligibility is 18 points. Commission evaluation is final and unappealable.

## **6. Evaluation Committee**

The Evaluation Committee will be appointed after the expiring date of applications submission deadline with a specific Luiss Rector's decree.

The Evaluation Committee shall be composed of:

- the Scientific Coordinator of the project or her delegate;
- an additional project internal or external member;
- an internal or external substitute member.

One of the members of the Evaluation Committee will be entrusted with the task of recording secretary.

## **7. Evaluation Outcome**

The outcome of the comparative selection procedure and the final ranking are published on the Luiss University Guido Carli's website at the following link: <https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls>, as well as the list of candidates called to a possible interview and the timetable and the method/location of

the interview. Interviews can be conducted remotely, in person face-to-face at a designated location or electronically through a suitable application.

The Committee compiles a ranking in descending order based on the sum of the scores obtained. The above ranking will remain valid until the end date of the projects for needs directly related to the projects and their implementation. In the event of a tie as regards the scores obtained, the youngest candidate shall be afforded precedence. Publication shall be deemed to constitute notification to all intents and purposes.

The winning candidate will be notified at the ordinary e-mail address provided when submitting the application. The position must be accepted within 5 days after date of receipt of the offer, failing which the job offer will be forfeited.

If the winner is a foreign candidate, he or she will have to meet all applicable labour law requirements for foreign nationals at the time of signing the contract. The contract is individual and indivisible. The contract shall not be tacitly renewable.

#### **8. Publication**

This call for application is published, as well as on the Luiss website at the following link: <https://www.luiss.edu/research/recruiting-calls>, also on the website <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>.

#### **9. Processing of personal data**

Personal data provided by candidates will be processed in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 as amended.

The data will be collected by Luiss Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, with registered office at Viale Pola 12 in Rome, the controller regarding the data in question, and processed for the purposes of managing this comparative evaluation selection procedure and the awarding of the collaboration contract, if any, for academic research and dissemination of results.

#### **10. Disputes**

The Courts of Rome shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes that may arise in relation to the interpretation and performance of this call for applications.

#### **11. Other rules**

For all matters not specifically addressed in this call for applications, reference is to be 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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