



The University of Pisa announces public selection procedures for the award of 1 research contract in accordance with Article 22 of Law 240/2010 as set out in Annex A) to this call, in which the information sheets indicating the reference structure, the description of the research project, the specific responsibility within the project and the functions to be performed, as well as the scientific disciplinary area and information on the interview, are provided.

Deadline for submitting the application: 7th August 2026 at 1.00 p.m.

Contract duration: 24 months

All-inclusive annual administrative gross amount: €46.000,00

Admission requirements:

- A PhD or medical specialisation degree.

Students enrolled in the third year of a PhD programme or in the final year of a postgraduate medical specialisation programme are also eligible to apply, provided they obtain their degree within six months from the publication date of the selection notice. Failure to meet this requirement candidates will lose the right to be awarded the research contract.

Documents to be attached:

The application must include:

- a) A research development project related to the research project specified for the selection in Annex A);
- b) A comprehensive scientific-professional curriculum containing all the necessary elements for assessing prior research activities and any relevant work experiences, in connection with the content of the research project under consideration (specifically indicating: date/duration, place of completion, etc.);
- c) For individuals with a foreign doctoral degree, an equivalence decree or determination; if the candidate already holds one, a copy of the foreign doctoral degree or a suitable certification issued by the foreign institution, confirming the components, duration, and activities of the doctoral programme undertaken to achieve the doctoral degree;
- d) Additional documents that the candidate deems useful for the selection purposes;
- e) Publications that the candidate considers relevant for the selection, considering the maximum number set for the selection, as indicated in Annex A), with a list signed by the candidate;
- f) Photocopies of the tax code and a current valid identification document.

Candidates must submit the publications they intend to present exclusively in PDF format through the dedicated section of the online procedure.

Each publication shall not exceed 30 megabytes.

Publications not enclosed with the application will not be considered by the Selection Board. Lists with links to texts are not allowed as a replacement for publications.

Applications

Applications must be submitted online only, using the following link: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipi/>

or shall be invalid. An e-mail inbox is required to login and complete the application.

Candidates can login into PICA platform using the digital identifier SPID (Sistema Pubblico d'Identità Digitale - Public Digital Identity System) or Carta d'Identità Elettronica (CIE), selecting the University of Pisa among the available Institutions.

If candidates have no SPID, they can request it according to the procedures set forth on the website www.spid.gov.it or www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it.

Candidates can also login with the credentials issued directly by PICA platform (please note: in order to apply online, the system requires an e-mail inbox for self-registration), with their LOGINMIUR, REPRIS or REFEREE account.

Applicants should provide all the required data and upload all documents in PDF format.

The system allows saving an application draft within the application deadline, recording the online application's date and sending a receipt with an automatic reply. After the deadline, the system will not allow login nor application submission.

Each application will be assigned a unique identification number to be referred to in all subsequent communications, along with the selection code provided by the application form.

Under penalty of exclusion, the application shall be valid only if including all the required data, the copy of a valid ID and:

- if submitted without accessing with digital identifier SPID/CIE, the applicant's signature is compulsorily required;
- If submitted by accessing with digital identifier SPID/CIE, the application will be automatically processed by the system and the applicant's signature is not required.

Applicants undertake to promptly communicate in writing any variations of what declared in the application form.

The communication shall be edited in PDF format, signed and forwarded to the Rector of the University of Pisa by the Italian certified e-mail system address (P.E.C. Posta Elettronica Certificata): protocollo@pec.unipi.it or emailed to concorsi_contratti@unipi.it, within the application's submission deadline.

An applicant's valid identification document shall be annexed.

For further information on application submission, please refer to concorsi_contratti@unipi.it.

For technical problems support only, please click on the bottom link available at <https://pica.cineca.it/unipi>.

Selection procedure:

For the selection under Annex A) the Director of the Department appoints a Selection Board consisting of the head of the research project and two other members.

Candidates are assessed comparatively on the basis of the following elements:

- a) Quality, originality and innovativeness of the research development project, with reference to the research project under consideration;
- b) Relevance and significance of the research activities previously carried out, as well as any work experience, in relation to the contents of the research project subject to the selection, in addition to documented qualifications (such as, for example, grade point average, postgraduate diplomas, any contracts, scholarships, conference presentations, and other documented qualifications);
- c) Quality, originality and innovativeness of the attached publications, as well as their relevance to the research project under consideration;
- d) An interview aimed at assessing the knowledge of the basic subjects of the scientific disciplinary sector to which the subject of the research project belongs, the suitability for carrying out the research activity under the contract and for the implementation of the research project, as well as the evaluation of knowledge of the English language and/or other languages relevant to the research (as reported in the

Annex A). During the interview, the Selection Board also assesses the knowledge of the Italian language for foreign candidates.

The Selection Board has 100 points available for the comparative evaluation of the candidates: 60 points can be allocated for the criteria mentioned above under a), b) and c), and 40 points for the interview.

The Selection Board may stipulate a minimum score below which eligibility cannot be awarded.

Candidates are summoned for the interview on the day and time specified in the Annex A) for the procedure.

Failure to attend an interview by a candidate is considered an explicit indication of their intention to withdraw from the selection process.

Applicants for this selection are required to consult the University website at <https://bandi.unipi.it/public/Bandi?type=COR> (on the selection procedure page) during the two days preceding the date set for the interview.

On the University website (<https://bandi.unipi.it/public/Bandi?type=COR>), in the section dedicated to the procedure, the following will be published:

- **Assessment scores for criteria a), b) and c);**
- **The list of candidates admitted to the interview;**
- **Practical instructions for carrying out the interview and/or any details should the interview be rescheduled;**
- **The procedure approval decree and the merit ranking that takes into account the scores achieved by the candidates.**

The prospective doctoral or postgraduate student may only enter into a contract after obtaining a doctoral or postgraduate medical degree. In the event that the PhD candidate or postgraduate student fails to obtain the degree within six months from the publication date of the selection notice, they will lose the right to be awarded the research contract.

Please note that the English version is given as a matter of courtesy, for the only purpose of information. It cannot be legally used in the event of a dispute or a claim arising from the interpretation of this translation and concerning the contents, a possible uncertainty, contradiction, or discrepancy. Should this occur, the Italian version of the call should prevail as the only valid. For full Italian text see: <https://bandi.unipi.it/public/Bandi?type=COR> (on the selection procedure page).

Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge

**GSD 10/STAA-01- Ancient and modern cultures and languages of Africa and Western and central Asia
SSD STAA-01/B - Egyptology and Coptology**

CUP I53C25002220001

**Head of the Research Project
Prof. Gianluca Miniaci**

Research Project:

Comparative study of the modes and processes of the social management of illness and healing in Bronze Age Egypt (c. 3000-1000 BC) through material evidence and comparison with the Levantine record

This research, conducted within the FIS3 SENEb project, aims to investigate the social and cultural dimensions of medicine in ancient Egypt through material evidence. It will analyse artefacts from domestic, funerary and cultic contexts, focusing particularly on objects involved in practices of care and protection: therapeutic instruments, apotropaic objects, amulets, clay figurines and other categories of material culture potentially connected with the management of illness and healing processes. Adopting an archaeological and comparative perspective, the project will also examine Egypt and the Levant throughout the Bronze Age (c. 3000-1000 BC), considering illness and healing as phenomena deeply rooted in the social, cultural and religious structures of ancient communities.

The systematic comparison of evidence from Egypt and the Levant will identify patterns of cultural transmission, the circulation of therapeutic practices and knowledge, and different forms of access to care within individual communities, thereby contributing to the reconstruction of social strategies for supporting and assisting the sick.

This research strand adopts a strongly interdisciplinary perspective and will remain in constant dialogue with the other components of the SENEb project. Its ultimate aim is to reconstruct the role of material culture in shaping healing practices and to assess the extent to which Egyptian medical knowledge developed through interaction and exchange with Levantine cultures, situating healing within the broader social, cultural and religious dynamics of the Bronze Age eastern Mediterranean.

Specific responsibilities within the project and functions to be performed:

The researcher will be responsible for developing the research strand devoted to analysing material evidence associated with practices of care, protection and healing in Bronze Age Egypt and the Levant (c. 3000-1000 BC), within the SENEb project, Medicine as Social Practice: An Archaeology of Health and Diseases in Ancient Egypt.

The candidate must demonstrate a proven ability to identify and define archaeological corpora of scientific relevance and to conduct a systematic analysis of all categories of material culture associated with practices of care, protection and healing, including therapeutic instruments, apotropaic objects, amulets and clay figurines. This study will require the integration of typological and formal classification methods with a critical examination of the archaeological contexts in which the objects were found.

Preference will be given to candidates with proven experience in studying the material culture of ancient Egypt and the Levant, particularly during the Bronze Age, and a documented ability to conduct comparative analyses of different cultural and archaeological contexts in the eastern Mediterranean.

The researcher will play a central role in defining and developing the project's material-culture component. Further activities will include producing scholarly publications for internationally recognised journals and edited volumes, participating in conferences, workshops and seminars, and disseminating and promoting the research findings among both the academic community and wider audiences.

Maximum number of publications that candidates may submit, including the doctoral thesis, if submitted: 5

Language skills:
English language

Date, time and mode of the interview:

**14th September 2026 at 9:00 am in presence at the Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge,
Via Paoli, 15 - Pisa**