

AIES – FARMAFACTURING FOUNDATION
CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS

2012

Background

The **Italian Health Economics Association (AIES)** and the **FarmaFactoring Foundation (FFF)** invite researchers with a recognised interest in health economics, management and policy to submit an application for funding in order to carry out a research project in these fields. This call has been made possible thanks to **the FarmaFactoring Foundation** that provided generous funds. This new initiative is consistent with the **AIES's** mission to promote public policy research and to foster academic collaboration and networking.

Proposal requirements

The proponent of the project must have Italian nationality, under 35 years of age and cannot be member of a permanent staff (research fellows, assistant professors, associate professors or full professors) of Italian public or private institutions. The project proposal must focus on subjects relevant to health economics and health policy and must be:

- highly innovative and able to **advance the understanding** of economic behaviour, systems or policies;
- potentially able to yield at least one paper **publishable in a top academic journal**;
- carried out by an individual **researcher based in an Italian institution** or a team of researchers led by a principal investigator satisfying the same criterion.

Preference will be given to all those projects that:

- concentrate on empirical analyses;
- are centred on policy impact evaluations related to the Italian situation;
- are able to provide sounding empirical results;
- use this funding as co-financing.

Project duration and funding rules

The project duration must be **1 year**. In case of extremely encouraging results after the first year, the possibility of a renew will be considered. **The approved project(s) will be funded with a grant up to EUR 35,000 per year**; 30% of the grant is paid upon approval, 40% upon completion of the first semester of work and 30% upon completion of the project. In order to receive the second instalment the principal investigator has to submit a short progress report, while in order to receive the 30% upon completion of the project, a detailed scientific report and a detailed financial report, certified by the hosting institution proving all the expenses incurred over the 12 month period, have to be submitted. At most 70% of the funds can be used as direct compensation of the researcher(s).

Applications

Research proposal must be written in English and must be sent only via e-mail. In order to apply, fill in the attached form. Only **pdf files** will be accepted. Each proposal must contain:

1. a clear motivation and description of the research objectives and strategy with specific references to research methodologies, sources of data and expected results;
2. the timeline of the project;
3. a financial plan, clearly identifying financial needs;
4. the allocation of tasks among participants;
5. a short CV of each participant.

Applications must be sent no later than November 30th 2011 to: direttore.scientifico@fondazionefarmafactoring.it.

Selection process

An international committee appointed by AIES and FFF will evaluate and shortlist **projects**. Selected applicants will be **invited to present and discuss their proposals**. Quality of the project, together with an assessment of related feasibility will be the main selection criteria. The **committee will further decide which projects, among those shortlisted, will receive funding**.

The committee is composed by the following members:

Prof. Vincenzo Atella - President (University of Roma Tor Vergata)

Prof. Jay Batthacharya (Stanford University)

Prof. Agar Brugiavini (University of Venice)

Prof. Giovanni Fattore (Bocconi University)

Prof. Jonas Schreyogg (Hamburg University)

The committee will select the proposal to be funded based on the following criteria: a) scientific quality of the research proposal (innovativeness, scientific rigour, relevance), b) feasibility of the project (availability of data, feasibility of the research plan), c) Curriculum Vitae of the proponent (mainly publications in prestigious international journals).

Disclaimers

Applications received beyond the deadline will not be considered. The subject of the e-mail message and application file name must include the principal investigator name, his/her hosting institution and the year of application (e.g.. mario rossi-uniroma2- 2012.doc)

For further information please send an e-mail to:

Prof. Vincenzo Atella

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APPLICATION FORM

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Project title:

Name, address, affiliation, phone and email of principal investigator (PI)

Name and affiliation of other researchers in the team:

Executive summary (max 300 words):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1) *Project motivation, description of the research question and methodology* (up to 4 pages including references)
- 2) Expected timing of the project results (include a short paragraph)
- 3) *Financial plan: summary* (consider the following table)

Salary	
Data collection	
Equipments	
Direct compensation	
Other	
Total	

- 4) *Financial plan: further information.* Specify any additional information regarding the entries above you deem relevant, such as the data expenses (what datasets you plan to buy), equipment, the direct compensation of each team members etc.
- 5) *Information concerning other funding for the same project.* State whether this project is already entitled to other funds (e.g. PRIN, NSF, ERC,) and, if so, indicate their amount.

Signed by PI

ANNEX: CV OF EACH TEAM MEMBER