

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE COMPETITIVE ASSIGNMENT OF POSITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Instituted between:
Università degli Studi di Padova and
Université de Paris Cité'
A.Y. 2024/2025**

The two Universities have subscribed an agreement to set up a study plan which will lead to the attribution of a Double Degree to the participating candidates.

The Double Degree program allows students enrolled in the Master's Degree in Molecular Biology to attend the second year of the course at the French partner University (**Paris**), perform a research project in order to prepare an experimental thesis in Paris or in Padova, and to defend the thesis work both in Paris and in Padova. At the end of the course the students will acquire both the Diploma corresponding to the **Masters' Degree in Molecular Biology** granted by the University of Padova, as well as the **Master de Sciences, Technologie, Santé (STS) - mention «Génétique»**, which is the French equivalent, granted by the University of Paris.

The current announcement will lead to the selection of a maximum of 6 students to include in the project.

The students from the University of Padova wishing to also obtain the degree in Master de Sciences, Technologie, Santé (STS) - mention «Génétique» from the French University, will have to attend the following study plan during their second year:

1. Two mandatory one week modules (UE1) worth 9 ECTS each:

The students must prepare a personal project which will be presented at the French Universities (5 ECTS), as well as attend an "Erasmus" module, which is part of the UE1 of the Master's Degree and is organized by the University of Padova (4 ECTS).

2. Optional Modules (15 ECTS)

This unit consists in 5 weeks of course-work, which is made up of 5 one-week-modules chosen from a list proposed within the Master de Sciences Santé et Applications - mention «Génétique» at the French University.

3. Additional optional modules (6 ECTS)

The students must complete the study program by attending two weeks consisting in courses chosen among the modules (UE3) proposed by the Master de Sciences Santé et Applications - mention «Génétique» (6 ECTS).

4. A research project (30 ECTS)

The research project, lasting approximately 6 months, may be undertaken in France, in one of the labs affiliated with the Master de Sciences Santé et Applications - mention «Génétique» (UE4), or in a laboratory at the University of Padova. In either case, the student must produce an experimental thesis which will be defended both in Paris, at the same time as the French students who are not part

of the Double Degree Program, and, subsequently, in Padova at the same time as the Italian students who are not part of the Double Degree Program.

ART. 1 - Participating to the selection

Students regularly enrolled in the first year of the Master's Degree in Molecular Biology, who are interested in participating to the Double Degree Program, must propose their candidature by means of the official Application Form, also available at the Master Degree Course's web site <https://biologia-molecolare.biologia.unipd.it/en/masters-degrees/double-degree/>

ART. 2 – Grants

Each successful candidate will receive a grant to cover travel and accommodation expenses.

ART. 3 - Deadlines for applications:

Applications must be presented by email as a pdf file to Prof. Mauro A. Zordan, by 12:00 o' clock (midday) of the 13th March 2024. The email address to which applications must be sent is: mauroagostino.zordan@unipd.it

ART. 4– Selection procedure

The evaluation of the candidates' curricula will be made by the Italian component of the Double Degree Teaching Commission. The positions will be assigned according to the students' careers. **You should also include a motivation letter with your application.** After the deadline the students may be required to sustain an interview during which their motivation will be further subject to evaluation.

ART. 5 – Final Classification

The final candidate classification, prepared by the Commission, will be communicated directly to the candidates by email.

ART. 6 – Acceptance of the Grant

The selected students must sign an acceptance letter within one week from the Commission's communication. Failure to do so, within the prescribed deadline, will result in the candidate's withdrawal, and consequent automatic assignment of the grant to the candidate occupying the next position in the classification.