

CALL FOR RESEARCH AWARDS

XPRAG.IT 2020 - YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**, funded by the ASSOCIAZIONE DI FONDAZIONI E CASSE DI RISPARMIO ITALIANE SpA (ACRI), supports the mobility of young researchers, engaged in extra-Italian Research Institutions, to attend the 4th Experimental Pragmatics in Italy Conference – XPRAG.it 2020, which will be held at the University of Turin, Italy, July 16-17, 2020.

The XPRAG.it 2020 – YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM (XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP) will support up to 6 researcher mobility awards, specifically addressed to:

- Participate in the 4th Experimental Pragmatics in Italy Conference – XPRAG.it 2020, which is plan to be held at the University of Turin, Italy, July 16-17, 2020.
- Participate in two of the XPRAG.it 2020 pre-conference workshops on tools and methodologies applicable to the study of language and communication, i.e., ‘Mixed Effect Models using R’, ‘The Event-Related Potentials (ERP) technique applied to the study of language’, ‘Eye-movements in the visual context’.
- Spend one month, as a visiting researcher, at one of the Italian departments participating in the XPRAG.it network. The visiting period will be arranged around the XPRAG.it 2020 conference days. Please see Table 1 for the list of the Italian research institutions involved in XPRAG.it 2020 YITP and for detailed information regarding each center.

The aim of the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP is to promote scientific research and collaboration among internationally-recognized research institutions and to encourage the mobility of young scientists. In particular, the scholarships are designed to support the participation of young researchers, working in research centers abroad, in internationally-recognized conferences and training opportunities organized by Italian research institutions. The ultimate aim of the program is to allow young researchers to establish and/or consolidate relationships with Italian research groups.

Who can apply?

The XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP is reserved to early stage researchers whose study focus is **in any area of experimental pragmatics, including neuropragmatics, developmental pragmatics, and clinical pragmatics as well as pragmatics in multimodal communication** and who are affiliated with foreign institutions. We are very keen to actively encourage applications from under-represented groups.

Young researchers are invited to submit a motivation letter indicating and describing their research interests in the field of pragmatics. The successful candidates will be hosted for a period of one month by one of the Italian Institutions in the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP network list (see Table 1) and they will attend the XPRAG.it 2020 conference as well as two of the XPRAG.it 2020 pre-conference workshops. Please note the registration to the conference and to two pre-conference workshops is mandatory prerequisite for the access to the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP.

The XPRAG.it 2020 conference is organized under the auspices of XPRAG.it, a research network founded in 2017, with the aim of providing an Italian venue for discussing – at the international level – empirical research on pragmatic processing. The scientific program of the conference will comprise contributions in any area of experimental pragmatics, including neuropragmatics, developmental pragmatics, and clinical pragmatics as well as pragmatics in multimodal communication.

What are the benefits of this experience for young researchers?

- It supports the mobility, the research activity and the networking opportunities of young, worthy researchers living abroad.
- It opens up to and supports the integration of young researchers in international research projects.
- It provides an opportunity for young researchers to participate in a major international conference focusing on experimental pragmatics
- It provides an opportunity for young researchers to access specialized training opportunities as the one represented by the XPRAG.it 2020 pre-conference workshops on tools and methodologies.
- It encourages research and debate on the new advances in the field of experimental pragmatics
- It expands the scientific network of young researchers.
- It encourages cultural exchange.

Why to apply?

Thanks to a financial contribution from ACRI, XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP is offering up to 6 research grants (€ 3,000.00 for each European researcher and € 4,000.00 for each non-European researcher) to young investigators wishing to carry out research in the field of experimental pragmatics. The total number of positions that can be funded can vary depending on the country of origin of the awardees and the overall amount of the research award will depend on the country of origin.

This funding is meant to cover the **costs for a one-month period in Italy, to be arranged before/around the XPRAG.it 2020 conference days and agreed with the hosting institution, the registration to the XPRAG.it 2020 conference and the two pre-conference workshops.**

How to apply?

Eligible candidates are required to apply by submitting the following documents (please note the submission language is English):

1. The **XPRAG.it 2020 – YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM Application Form** completed in all parts, dated and signed (see Annex 1).
2. A motivation letter, which should be including and describing the candidate's research topics of interests
3. A list of the **3 research centers among those listed in** Table 1 that the candidate would like to visit, in order of preference (see Annex 1).
4. An updated **CV** + a list of **publications**
5. A scanned copy of the applicant's **passport** (or **ID document** for EU researchers), showing the personal details, i.e. photo and date of birth.
6. A signed letter from your institute to confirm that you are affiliated to extra-Italian Research Institutions.

If possible, please combine the signed application form and the other documents in a single PDF file.

Submissions must be sent to info@intobrain.it by the deadline 12:00 pm GMT on **May 17, 2020.**

Subject: *Application for the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP research award.*

Selection criteria

All applications will be reviewed by the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP Committee. The research awards for the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP shall be awarded after an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications and documentation, taking into account the following aspects:

- Curriculum vitae et studiorum (including grants and awards)
- Publications
- Academic age of the candidates: please note, there is no age limit for the application. Nevertheless, the applicants' age will be taken into consideration in the evaluation process and priority will be given to younger applicants.
- Adherence of participant's research interest to the lines of research of the Italian hosting institutions, as indicated in the motivation letter
- Reference letter(s)

All participants will be informed of the outcome of the evaluation process by **May 30, 2020**, via the email address provided in the application.

Acceptance of research award

Within 15 days of notification, the successful applicants must send to info@intobrain.it a letter of acceptance, and confirm their participation to the XPRAG.it 2020 conference and to the pre-conference workshops - mandatory to be eligible for the award - by registering on the [conference website](#). Non-compliance with these points will result in non-disbursement of the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP award.

Should a successful applicant not accept the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP award, this may be made available to applicants classified as eligible according to the ranking order.

Contribution source and legal nature of the contribution

The total funds for the financed project amount to 20,000 euros (twenty thousand/00 euros) and shall be disbursed to UNITO by the ACRI Foundation of Rome.

The economic resources reserved for individual European/non-European researchers amount to a total of 3,000.00/4,000.00 euros (three thousand/00-four thousand/00 euros). The amount is subject to withholding tax (25% withholding tax) as required by Italian law and shall be disbursed by means of a procedure agreed between Fondazione ACRI and UNITO.

The ACRI Foundation shall pay UNITO the sum allocated to the project, subject to verification, as follows: 10,000 euros (50% of the contribution) in advance of project implementation; 10,000 euros (50% of the grant) at the end of the project.

The use of research grants does not constitute an employment relationship.

Security procedure

If the Competent Authorities advise not to travel towards the Italian destination or whether the administration consider not safe the permanence of the successful applicants at the destination of the call, **the XPRAG.it 2020 and the mobility project will be postponed.** In case of proven emergency, the XPRAG.it 2020 and the mobility project will be interrupted and/or cancelled. In case of interruption awards will be provided considering the actual days of mobility. **In case of cancellation no awards will be provided.**

Rights and obligations

Researchers shall have access to research facilities at the hosting institution. They are also required to comply with the regulations of the institution to which they are assigned.

At the end of the visiting period, the beneficiaries are required to submit a scientific report to the XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP Committee on the activities carried out.

If the research results are published, the author must cite XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP and ACRI in the text of the publication.

For more information: Contact: info@intobrain.it

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM Committee

Francesca M. Bosco (University of Turin)

Francesca Ervas (University of Cagliari)

Valentina Bambini (IUSS Pavia)

Filippo Domaneschi (University of Genoa)

Table 1. 'XPRAG.it 2020 – YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM' NETWORK

HOSTING INSTITUTION	ACADEMIC CONTACT PERSON	RESEARCH TOPICS
Dipartimento di Psicologia, Università degli Studi di Torino. Gruppo di Ricerca <i>GIPSI - Research Group on Inferential Processes in Social Interaction</i>	Prof. Francesca M. Bosco	https://www.xpragit.com/torino-psicologia.html https://www.dippsicologia.unito.it/do/gruppi.pl/Show?_id=za8x
Dipartimento di antichità, filosofia, storia - Università degli Studi di Genova. Laboratory of Language and Cognition	Prof. Filippo Domaneschi	https://www.xpragit.com/genova.html www.filippodomaneschi.com
Classe di Scienze Umane e della Vita – Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia	Prof. Valentina Bambini	https://www.xpragit.com/pavia-iuss.html http://www.nets.iusspavia.it/people/bambini.php
Dipartimento di Pedagogia, Psicologia, Filosofia - Università di Cagliari. Gruppo di ricerca <i>LinguisticaMente</i> in filosofia del linguaggio e della mente	Prof. Francesca Ervas	https://www.xpragit.com/cagliari.html https://people.unica.it/francescaervas/

Annex 1. **XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP APPLICATION FORM**

NAME.....SURNAME.....

PLACE OF BIRTHDATE OF BIRTH

PLACE of RESIDENCE (address, city, postal code, province, country)

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PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL

INSTITUTION (department, institution, research center, university...)

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INSTITUTION ADDRESS

**The undersigned hereby asks to participate in the call for the assignment of a research award:
XPRAG.it 2020 – YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

Documents attached to this application form:

- A **motivation letter**, including and describing the candidate's topics of interests
- An updated **CV** (including grants and awards) + a list of **publications**
- A copy of the applicant's **passport** (or **ID document** for EU researchers), showing the personal details, i.e. photo and date of birth.
- A **signed letter from your institute** confirming your affiliation to extra-Italian Research Institutions.
- Reference letter(s)

Please select **3 of the research centers** of the 'XPRAG.it 2020 – YITP' network and rank them in order of preference, from 1 = first preference to 3 = last preference.

Hosting Institution	Preference ranking
Dipartimento di Psicologia, Università degli Studi di Torino. Gruppo di Ricerca <i>GIPSI - Research Group on Inferential Processes in Social Interaction</i>	
Dipartimento di Pedagogia, Psicologia, Filosofia - Università di Cagliari. Gruppo di ricerca <i>LinguisticaMente</i> in filosofia del linguaggio e della mente	
Classe di Scienze Umane e della Vita – Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia	
Dipartimento di antichità, filosofia, storia - Università degli Studi di Genova. Laboratory of Language and Cognition	

The applicant declares to have read the information notice in accordance with art. 13 of [Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003](#), and to authorize the processing of their personal data for the relevant procedure.

Date_____

Signature_____