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Expression of interest – Associate Professor in Polymer Characterization

The **Department of Chemical Sciences of the University of Padova** wants to strengthen its research and teaching activities in the field of Polymer Science. To this end, the Department is seeking candidates for a **direct call of an Associate Professor in the Characterization of Polymeric Materials and/or Experimental Polymer Physics**.

The Faculty of the Department of Chemical Sciences would like to meet colleagues who might be interested in the available position. We are seeking candidates who:

- 1) have an outstanding scientific curriculum vitae;
- 2) have accumulated excellent research experience in different research groups in Italy or abroad;
- 3) have coordinated relevant research projects in Italy or abroad in the fields of **Polymer Characterization and/or Experimental Polymer Physics**;
- 4) have an excellent track record of both nationally and internationally awarded research grants;
- 5) have the professional capacity to teach Polymer Science at all levels.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, a four-page research project they intend to carry out if hired, and a teaching statement. The documents mentioned above should be submitted to the Director of the Department of Chemical Sciences at the following e-mail address: direttore.chimica@unipd.it indicating in the subject line "**PA – Polymer Characterization**".

Candidates are encouraged to apply by 15th November, 2024.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by a cross-disciplinary selection committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview and a scientific presentation. All expressions of interest will receive consideration without discrimination on any ground. In particular, the University of Padova encourages women's applications to achieve the 40% new female employee target set by the National Resilience and Recovery Plan (PNRR) and the objectives of the University of Padova's Gender Equality Plan.

For the selected candidate, an official direct-call recruitment process will be initiated. This consists of several approval steps and requires a formal endorsement from the Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research. For successful candidates who have held academic positions abroad there are substantial tax benefits. The procedure is expected to be completed and the position to be filled within **2025**.

Eligibility criteria and additional information

The Direct Calls program of the Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research (MUR) provides opportunities to cover academic positions through direct calls to Italian and foreign scholars meeting one of the following necessary requirements:

1. Scholars who have been holding an Associate Professor position abroad in a foreign university or research institution for at least three years.
2. Scholars who have been enrolled as Associate Professors at Italian universities for at least three years.

3. Recipients of an ERC starting grant or equivalent personal grants by foreigner science foundations.

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