

# Ud'A Research Talent Lab PhD

Funding opportunities and  
career development in  
research



The **PhD Ud'A Research Talent Lab** is a training programme designed to present the main national and international funding opportunities available to early-stage researchers - PhD candidates at the G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara (Ud'A). The course will cover participation requirements for funding calls, grant management procedures, and tools for enhancing and valorising research outcomes and results. Sessions will be delivered by experienced University staff members.

Grant holders, evaluators, and leading researchers involved in academic entrepreneurship initiatives will also share insights, experiences, and practical advice. Participation is open to Ud'A PhD candidates enrolled in the second or third year of their doctoral studies.

**Web:** <https://en.unich.it/research/phd-uda-research-talent-lab>

**Mandatory registration via this [online form](#)**

**Info:** [research.talentlab@unich.it](mailto:research.talentlab@unich.it)

**24 – 26 June  
2026**

**online and in-person  
Campuses of Chieti and  
Pescara**

## Course structure

The course consists of five training modules. While in-person attendance is recommended, participants may also join remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees may choose either to participate in the full training programme or to register for one or more individual modules.

## Target audience

Ud'A PhD students, enrolled in the second or third year of their doctoral studies.

## How to participate

Registration is required and can be completed via this [On Line Form](#).

If international doctoral candidates attend the lectures, the sessions will be held in English.

### Wednesday, 24 June 2026

9.30 - 10.30

**Module 1** – Key tools for the internationalization of researchers' careers, such as the ERA (European Research Area) Talent Platform and related initiatives, the European Charter for Researchers, the EURAXESS portal, and ResearchComp.

**Lecturer:** Barbara Ferri, Research Division Ud'A

**Location:** *Chieti Campus, Aula 1 Vetta, Polo Didattico di Lettere, Ground Floor (Max. 168 seats)*

11.00 - 12.30

**Module 2** – Research funding opportunities within national and international foundations.

**Lecturers:** Anna Fois, Research Division Ud'A; Domitilla Mandatori, Ud'A Recognised Researcher.

**Location:** *Chieti Campus, Aula 1 Vetta, Polo Didattico di Lettere, Ground Floor (Max. 168 seats)*

### Thursday, 25 June 2026

9.30 - 11.00

**Module 3** – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships: participation rules and eligibility conditions, programme features, proposal structure, evaluation criteria.

**Lecturers:** Gessica D'Agostino, Research Division Ud'A; Piera Di Martino, MSCA PF Expert Evaluator, Leading Researcher Ud'A.

**Location:** *Chieti Campus, Aula 1 Vetta Polo Didattico di Lettere, Ground Floor (Max. 168 seats)*

11.30 - 13.00

**Module 4** – European Research Council (ERC) calls: participation rules and eligibility conditions, profile of the ERC Principal Investigator, proposal structure, funding schemes and budget, evaluation criteria.

**Lecturers:** Gessica D'Agostino, Research Division Ud'A; Luca Gili, ERC Expert Evaluator, Ud'A Established Researcher.

**Location:** *Chieti Campus, Aula 1 Vetta, Polo Didattico di Lettere, Ground Floor (Max. 168 seats)*

### Friday, 26 June 2026

9.30 - 12.00

**Module 5** – Academic entrepreneurship and opportunities for engagement within the University Third Mission activities.

**Lecturers:** Gilda Antonelli, Angelo Cichelli and Christian Celia, Ud'A Leading and Established Researchers

**Location:** *Pescara Campus, Aula 32, Ground Floor (Max. 55 seats)*



**Barbara Ferri** – Responsible for pre-award research support services, providing technical and methodological assistance to University research groups aiming to compete in European and national calls with collaborative research proposals.



**Anna Maria Fois** – Responsible for pre-award research support services. She coordinates the preparation of Ud'A Research News, the institutional monthly newsletter, promoting events, funding calls, and training opportunities in the areas of University Research and Third Mission.



**Domitilla Mandatori** – Researcher in Applied Biology at the G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara. She studies the mechanisms of regeneration and ocular diseases and coordinates a project funded by the Roche Foundation (2024) on miRNAs in the risk of diabetic retinopathy.



**Gessica D'Agostino** – Responsible for pre-award research support services. Collaborates with faculty members and early-career researchers in the preparation of applications for individual funding opportunities under national and European programmes.



**Luca Gili** – He received his PhD from KU Leuven (Belgium) in 2016 and has been an associate professor of Philosophy and Ancient Philosophy first at the Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada) and at G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara. Principal Investigator (PI) in several funded research projects, he has served as Expert Evaluator in European Research Council (ERC) calls.



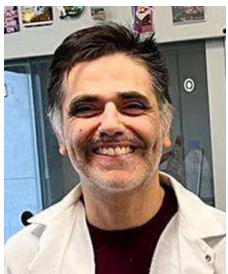
**Piera Di Martino** – Full Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology, Socioeconomics and Regulation of Medicines and Health Products at the Department of Pharmacy, G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara. She serves as Principal Investigator (PI) or Unit Leader in several projects funded through competitive European and national calls.



**Gilda Antonelli** – Full Professor of Business Organization and Human Resource Management at the Department of Economics, at the G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara. She is co-founder of the interuniversity lab CNOWLab (Changing Nature of Work), and coordinator of the Abruzzo Start Cup Competition, as well as scientific coordinator of the Abruzzo Start Camp.



**Angelo Cichelli** – Full Professor of Food Science and Technology at the Department of Innovative Technologies in Medicine and Dentistry at the G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara. He serves as Director of the University Graduate School and is actively involved in research valorisation as well as technology transfer activities.



**Christian Celia** – Associate Professor at the Pharmacy Department at G. d'Annunzio University Chieti - Pescara, with expertise in pharmaceutical technologies, advanced drug delivery, and nanomedicine. He obtained his PhD in Catanzaro and has also conducted research at the Houston Methodist Research Institute. He has authored over 120 publications and is involved in numerous international projects and collaborations.

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