

**CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE INTEGRATIVE COURSE**

**“EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRACK”**

**(ERT) FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS**

**CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE A CICLO UNICO**

**MEDICINA E CHIRURGIA**

**A.A. 2015/2016**

**Art. 1**

**Activation of Integrative Curriculum**

It is called, for the academic year 2015/2016, a title based selection procedure for the admission to the integrative training course called "Excellence in Research Track" (ERT).

The course is open to deserving students enrolled in the English taught course of Medicine and Surgery activated by Humanitas University who are interested in integrating their preparation with a program aimed at investigating the relationship between basic and clinical research. Therefore, within this course, students will be trained in the use of the main research methodologies applicable to the context of preclinical and clinical research in order to provide them the necessary skills to actively cooperate in the conduction of research projects that may be object of experimental thesis degree.

The course will integrate the regular Medicine course with interdisciplinary educational and training activities aimed to form the student with methodological skills enabling them to the active participation in the development of knowledge in the field of translational medicine. Ultimate aim of this course is to promote talented students, which have demonstrated attitude to rework in an original and constructive manner the knowledge, acquired during the first two years of the degree course, demonstrating ability to develop interdisciplinary topics.

Distinguishing feature of the course is the promotion to the active participation of students to perform research projects under the guidance of tutors, that may result in developing an experimental thesis.

**Art. 2**

**Admission requirements**

Applicants are students who, in academic year 2015/2016, are enrolled for the first time in the third year of the degree course in Medicine and Surgery of the Humanitas University and that, at the date of publication of this announcement, have all the credits (CFU) of the first two years requested from the Course with average vote of at least 27/30 (twenty-seven/ thirty).

**Art. 3**

**Number of available positions and application modalities**

The maximum number of students admitted to the course is equivalent to 10 per academic year.

To participate to the selective procedure, the student needs to meet the requirements referred to in art. 2, must complete Annex A to this call and send it to the Student Office by February 14, 2016.

**Art. 4**

**Selection procedures**

Selection is based on titles and interview and ensures the comparative assessment of the candidates.

The Commission, composed of up to five members chosen from among the teachers of the Degree in Medicine and Surgery, will draft a shortlist of students eligible for the course based on the average marks of exams, the regularity of the studies and the propensity for research. In case of equal score priority will be given to the candidate of a minor age.

**Art. 5**

**Publication of the list**

The list will be published on the Learning Management System (LMS) platform and on the University website.

**Art. 6**

**General structure of the process**

To complete the EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRACK, students must achieve an average of 15 CFU per year for a total of 60 CFU by the end of the training program, of which 20 CFU by lectures and seminars and 40 CFU by clinical, laboratory and research activities, agreed with the tutors. The 60 CFU related to ERT are additional to the 360 CFU necessary to complete the Degree Course Surgery and Medicine and will be registered in the academic career of the student.

As part of the EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRACK students can spend a period of study and research training at another university, research Institution in Italy or abroad.

Annually, a Commission will assess the overall achievements of ERT students and decide on admission to the next year of the integrative course taking into account the student's ability to maintain the regularity and quality of the academic career.

Students who complete EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRACK will receive a certificate of attendance additional to the master degree in Medicine and Surgery.

For further information relating to the organization of the EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRACK it is possible to contact Prof. Raffaella Bonecchi.