

### **Call for PhD Applications – October 2019**

The PhD Steering Committee of the Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori announces that admission interviews for the PhD Programme of the Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, run at the Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, will take place on:

**October 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, in the Library Room, Via Amadeo 42, starting 9.30 am.**

Two fellowships are currently available. The positions announced are associated with the following research topics/areas:

1. Tumor-stroma interactions drive neuroendocrine differentiation of prostate cancer
2. Adjuvant therapy in uveal melanoma: an unmet clinical need

#### **Applications should include:**

- CV with detailed information on the master's thesis.
- University certificate (M.Sc., M.D. or equivalent) with the list of exams taken. A grade of 106/110 or higher is recommended for admission to the PhD program. Students with graduation marks of less than 106 need to present a statement concerning the motivations and skills that make them suited to the PhD programme.  
For research area 2, an MD degree is preferred.
- Candidates should have English language proficiency corresponding to C1 level of CEFR. To evidence this, candidates need either to include in the application an internationally acknowledged and valid certificate (eg: TOEFL, British Council, IELTS) or take a placement test provided at INT on demand shortly before or after the interview.
- Short outline (max 2 A4 pages) of the applicant's research project for the PhD (in English).

Registration for a research degree is subject to the Open University approval.

Deadline for applications:  
**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 12:00 noon.**

Please, **send your applications by email** to the PhD Secretariat at the following address:  
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**For more information on the research areas**, please refer to:

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### **Selection Procedure**

In accordance with the selection procedures, applicants will be required to:

- Give a short oral presentation of their project (max 15 min; 6 slides)
- Discuss a scientific paper that will be provided ahead of the interview (slides may be prepared)
- Demonstrate advanced English language proficiency.

The interview will be conducted in English. The evaluation committee will assess the quality of the presentation, the candidates' scientific preparation and potential for research, as well as their English speaking and writing skills.