

Dear colleagues and friends,

I am writing you together with Dr. Letizia Modeo to inform you that we are about to open two PhD positions of 3 years at the Department of Biology, of the University of Pisa, of which at least one reserved to students graduated in foreign countries.

The topic of the PhD fellowship is the following: “Integrative systematics and metagenomics for the study of ciliates and of their bacterial symbionts”

The students will work in team with other Italian and foreign senior researchers, PhD and postdoc students. Our Unit has a long tradition of studies on morphology and ultrastructure of protist ciliates and their bacterial symbionts, where integrated studies on these microorganisms, as well as Metazoa, based also on molecular and genomic techniques are routinely performed since 2000 as demonstrated by numerous papers published by our research group. (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Giulio_Petroni and https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Letizia_Modeo).

Selected candidates will also have the possibility, and will be encouraged, to spend research periods abroad (in laboratory outside Italy)

We would kindly ask you to spread this information among your students and colleagues. Please consider that also scholars who already get a PhD and students who will defend their diploma/master within 31/10/2017 are eligible for the application.

Interested applicants are encouraged to send as soon as possible a copy of their cv and a short motivation letter for pre-evaluation to:

Giulio Petroni: giulio.petroni@unipi.it

and

Letizia Modeo: letizia.modeo@unipi.it

The official call should open in about 10 days and will remain open one months. We will inform you and interested scholars as soon as it is officially published. In the official application candidates will probably have to submit also reference letters and a short project (max 2 pages).

Thank you in advance for your support

Best regards

Giulio and Letizia