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San Marino Innovation: Member of the Jury at the Raactor School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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The Project

Fondazione Golinelli introduces ReActor, a project aimed at entrepreneurship and innovation for young scientists, following the success of two previous pilot editions, established within the University of Bologna.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, the new project is launched with the addition of renewed partnerships: in addition to the University of Bologna, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, the CNR Research Area of Bologna and IOR - Rizzoli Orthopedic Institute have joined the project.

Simone Ferriani leads the project as scientific director.

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Objectives

After an 11-week training program on entrepreneurship issues, following a weekend formula, the participants with the best business ideas will be selected by a committee of experts to access further training in prestigious international ecosystems in order to continue to perfect their projects by immersing themselves in an extremely high-yielding and stimulating business environment.

Recipients

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The program is dedicated to Ph.D. students, post-graduate students, researchers and professors of partner universities and research institutes, and is based on the awareness that entrepreneurial empowerment of young scientists plays a crucial role in strengthening the innovative capacity of the countrywide system. Up to 12 teams will be selected.

How It Works

The school has a duration of 11 weeks and deals with issues of entrepreneurship, from the development of the idea, to the ideation of the business model, to the relationship with the market and the stakeholders, to the professional presentation of the project. Participation in the project is free.

A grant contribution will be provided for the teams selected to participate in the international training phase.

Participants are required to cover the expenses for the public liability and personal accident insurance for periods spent abroad.

The teams will be joined by a network of mentors and will participate in meetings with financial and industrial investors and other entrepreneurs.

At the end of the training period, each team will present their project to an audience of potential investors, professors, members of venture capital and the industrial world.

Following the pitch day, the teams with the highest potential ideas will have the opportunity to benefit from a further training period in the United Kingdom and/or the United States, at some of the world's most important entrepreneurial ecosystems.

11 Weeks of Training - 4-6 Weeks of Training Abroad

ReActor offers selected scientists a grant contribution to participate in an immersive program of the duration of seven to ten weeks in some of the world's most vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystems, providing close contact with entrepreneurs, professors, investors and other international scientists engaged in technology transfer initiatives. This international part of the program is based on a series of alliances between ReActor and international partners located in the United Kingdom, California and on the East Coast of the United States.

During the international phase of training selected participants will be provided with countless opportunities to improve their journey through:

Entrepreneurship lessons
Periodic networking events
Mentoring
Interaction with entrepreneurs and international start-ups
Meetings with prominent figures in the financial and venture capital sectors
Company visits and on-site workshops