

## FONDAZIONE DOMPÉ ETS

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

#### PREFACE

The knowledge economy is profoundly changing our society in every aspect, at an unprecedented speed. Specifically, we are going through a phase of technological transition, driven by several factors: the possibility of access to shared computational resources, that was unthinkable just a short time ago (Cloud Computing and, in perspective, Quantum Computing); the availability of a very large amount of data, produced by an increasing number of connected intelligent objects (Big Data & Internet of Things); and the rapid development of advanced data analysis techniques and methodologies (Machine Learning & Deep Learning) as well as Artificial Intelligence.

In this context, science and innovation derived from science represent the most fruitful sources of the ongoing transformation. This process originates in universities and research centers and then grows and consolidates in businesses. It is a continuum that draws its value precisely from its inseparable coherence.

The Fondazione Dompé ETS has chosen to be an active player in this change by investing in the university education of the most promising young people in STEM fields. Today, students embarking on the path of science must be able to train in a context capable of combining deep specialization with a multidisciplinary approach. The knowledge they acquire must integrate biology and life sciences, with the new perspectives offered by digital technologies, materials science, nanotechnology and other emerging technological fields. The university courses chosen by the Fondazione Dompé ETS to establish its scholarships are inspired by these principles.

The Foundation's commitment is in addition to Dompé farmaceutici's investments in R&D and innovative startups.

Without talent, there can be no progress. Without knowledge, there can be no development.

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## ART. 1 PURPOSE

**1.1** The Fondazione Dompé ETS intends to foster the human and professional growth of deserving university students, contributing both to the process of social mobility through the so-called "social elevator" and to the removal of barriers to access to university education for the less advantaged social groups. The Foundation, in particular, focuses on supporting students attending second and third-level university courses characterized by innovation and experimentation.

**1.2** The United States has been an undisputed leader in global scientific and technological progress since the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, establishing itself as the country with the highest number of Nobel Prizes awarded (368, compared to 133 for the United Kingdom and 20 for Italy), especially in scientific disciplines. Scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and the United States holds strategic importance and involves some of the most esteemed public and private universities and research centers in both countries.

To highlight the importance of this relationship, in 2021 the Foundation launched a scholarship program for young individuals pursuing university degrees or research programs in the field of neuroscience and/or neurobiology in the United States. The scholarship program is named in honor of the only Italian woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Medicine, Professor Rita Levi Montalcini.

In continuity with this initiative, starting in 2025, the Foundation will further strengthen its commitment in the United States by establishing a new annual scholarship dedicated to another prominent figure in Italian scientific research worldwide: **Professor Renato Ugo**.

An internationally renowned chemist, Professor Ugo began his academic career thanks to a scholarship at the University of Milan, where he first served as Lecturer in General and Inorganic Chemistry (1966), then as Full Professor of Analytical Chemistry (1973), and finally of Inorganic Chemistry (from 1981 to 2010). He served as President of the Italian Association for Industrial Research (AIRI) from 1983 to 2019 and collaborated with some of the leading pharmaceutical companies in Italy.

**1.3** The "Renato Ugo" Scholarship, for which the Foundation has allocated a total amount of \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand/00 dollars), is intended to support the education and training of a young individual pursuing a degree or research program

in Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Pharmaceutical Chemistry at a university in the United States.

The scholarship, valued at \$25,000.00 per year, may have a maximum duration of:

- two years, in the case of a Master's program or Research Fellowship;
- three years, in the case of a PhD program.

**1.4** For the promotion and dissemination of this Call for Applications, the Foundation relies on the valuable collaboration of AIRI.

## **ART. 2 RECIPIENT**

**2.1** The scholarship recipient will be identified among students or researchers enrolled in a Master's degree program (one or two years in duration), a PhD program, or a Research Fellowship in the fields of Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Pharmaceutical Chemistry at a university in the United States. The program may potentially be carried out in partnership with U.S.-based research centers and or agencies.

Applicants must submit a complete application within the deadline and according to the procedures outlined in art. 3 of this Call for Applications, and must meet the following requirements:

- a) have a household's 2025 net income not exceeding \$120,000.00 for the 2025/2026 academic year. Exemption from university fees does not disqualify candidates from being eligible for the scholarship.
- b) have no working, collaborative, subordinate or para-subordinate relationship with Dompé farmaceutici s.p.a. and/or Fondazione Dompé ETS, either personally or indirectly through cohabitants and relatives and/or relatives-in-law.

**2.2** Applicants who have submitted their applications (see art. 3.1.) will be evaluated by representatives of the Foundation's Scientific Committee. The selection of the recipient will be at the sole discretion of the Committee, based on an overall assessment that will take into account the candidate's curriculum vitae, research abstract, the prestige of the host university (with reference to major recognized international rankings), motivation letter, competences, and interests.

**2.3** The selected scholarship recipient will be notified directly by the Foundation.

### **ART. 3 TERMS AND MODALITIES OF APPLICATION**

**3.1** Applications for this Call must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Fondazione Dompé ETS using the online application procedure available at <https://www.dompefoundation.org/> no later than midnight on June 30, 2026.

**3.2** Applications, submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined above, must be accompanied by the following documentation, properly labeled with the candidate's last name and attached in PDF format:

- a curriculum vitae in the Europass format;
- a cover letter in which the applicant should provide a complete description of himself/herself. This description should include information regarding their undergraduate and postgraduate careers, as well as a presentation of their personality, hobbies and interests. The letter should be written using Times New Roman font, size 12 and 1.5 line spacing and should not exceed two pages in length; the letter must have a header and must be signed by the candidate;
- an abstract (minimum 200/maximum 400 words) of the research project that will be pursued by the candidate during the Master's/PhD/Fellowship program. The abstract must include a title and end with the candidate's first name, last name, and signature;
- Income Tax Return (US Form 1040);
- application for admission to a Master's program, PhD program and/or Research Fellowship in Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Pharmaceutical Chemistry at a university in the United States.

Applications with incomplete documentation, submitted in a format other than PDF, or lacking a header and/or signature where required, will not be considered.

## **ART. 4 REVOCATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

**4.1** The Foundation will verify that the scholarship winner is regularly attending the academic program in which they are enrolled, and/or is meeting the objectives of the assigned research project within the expected timeframe. By the end of November each year, the scholarship winner must submit a written statement regarding their academic progress and/or a brief report on the status of the program, signed by their academic advisor. The Foundation reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information by contacting the university directly.

**4.2 The Grant will be permanently revoked:**

if discrepancies are found between the scholarship winner's declaration and his or her actual university, economic, financial or family situation. It should be noted that the awarded scholarship will be revoked if it emerges, at any time, even after the payment has been made, that the recipient does not meet the requirements indicated in articles 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 (for example, if the recipient has not been accepted to the Master, PhD, or Fellowship, or if the recipient's family income exceeds \$120,000.00);

**4.3** For the cases set for at art. 4.2, the Foundation will recover the amounts paid through the procedures provided for by law.

## **ART. 5 DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WINNER**

**5.1** The Foundation will disburse the annual scholarship contribution (equal to \$25,000.00 gross), net of any withholding taxes, in a single payment via bank transfer to the bank account provided by the scholarship winner.

**5.2** The scholarship winner must have a tax identification number issued by the territorially competent Italian Consulate at the time the scholarship is disbursed.

## ART. 6 TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

**6.1** The personal data provided when applying for participation in the call will be processed in accordance with current legislation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679 and subsequent implementing measures).

**6.2** The Foundation, represented by the President *pro tempore*, will process personal data as autonomous data controller, exclusively for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations related to the implementation of these regulations.

Milano, Italy, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Fondazione Dompé ETS**

**The President**

  
Dott. Sergio Dompé

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