FAQs Call for Proposals 2026

1. **Does co-authorship with another applicant automatically exclude a candidate?**

No. Under the Anna Tramontano category, the requirement concerns the minimum number of publications that must not include other applicants as co-authors. Co-authorship does not, by itself, constitute grounds for exclusion if the applicant meets the required publication threshold.

N.B. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that the minimum number of publications meeting the independence requirement is satisfied.

2. **Can researchers holding a postdoctoral fellowship apply for the Under-40 Research Project?**

No. The Under-40 category is reserved for researchers holding a **permanent or tenure-track research position** (RTT) at Sapienza University of Rome or the Italian Pasteur Laboratory. Researchers holding a postdoctoral fellowship do not meet this eligibility requirement.

3. **Can researchers who were awarded funding under the 2024 Call for Proposals apply to the 2026 Call for Proposals?**

Yes, since the new projects will be funded starting on 1 April 2027, therefore after the scheduled end for project from the 2024 call.
Researchers who received funding under the 2024 Call for Proposals and have **unspent funds exceeding €15,000 at the time of application** will be excluded from the selection process.