

*Here follows the Foundation's understanding of the proposal suggested by Prof. Luigi Rossi-Bernardi, Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Education, University and Research following discussions between the Ministry and Harvard Medical School that began in April 2004. This understanding was sent to the Ministry on March 2, 2005.*

The proposal is based on a 50/50 funding model between a US academic institute and an Italian researcher. The goal is to identify Italian scientists who are currently working on a collaborative project with a US entity (in this case Harvard Medical School and affiliated entities). Once identified, these Italian scientists, as collaborators with Harvard Medical School, will be able to apply to the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research to receive funding solely for the Italian portion of the project. The remainder of the project expenses would need to be funded by Harvard Medical School through an existing grant.

The Foundation understands that the Ministry is already aware of researchers who might be eligible for this funding.

In this case Harvard Medical School would have no objection to the Ministry announcing this initiative and approaching the individuals directly. The Foundation would see no need for any formal contractual arrangement between the Ministry and Harvard Medical School, other than an agreement by letter that the Medical School, the Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation or Harvard Medical International would have the opportunity to approve the use of the Harvard name in any materials that are developed or announcements that are made. If the Ministry would like to develop the relevant application materials, the Foundation would be happy to circulate these in the medical community in Boston, and to our colleagues in Italy.

(NB. The Foundation does not have application materials; these should be obtained from the Ministry.)