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# COMPETITION FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS (age limit 40 years old) AT THE URBINO UNIVERSITY

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### Attachment 1

## **Application form**

The following declarations are given according to articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000.

Title:
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#### PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT DURING THE VISITING PERIOD (max 30 lines)

The proposed project deals with the insurgence of reversible bifurcations in thin films of soft materials, leading to large variations of surface morphologies. The interest in this topic descends both from important phenomena in biological and medical sciences (biological growth and tumor diseases) and from increasing applications in various technological fields such as soft robotics, biomimetic materials, soft sensors, 3D and 4D printing, etc. In this proposal, based on asymptotic methods in the framework of nonlinear elasticity, we intend to study wrinkling and bulging effects in both homogeneous and heterogeneous soft materials. We aim to construct accurate relations between material properties and the geometric properties of the bifurcated configurations. In particular, we will determine the critical bifurcation load and the corresponding critical modes as a function of both geometrical and constitutive properties.

The aim of the proposed study is to provide insights into growth induced pattern formation in biomaterials with applications to both biological and biomedical phenomena. Moreover we aim to deliver solid foundation for the design of variable stiffness materials for application to the design of new graded materials and to new metamaterials. Indeed, by solving an inverse problem analytically, we may design the modulus distribution function to achieve specified bifurcated shapes. These results will be the starting point for an effective design of new materials in the field of soft robotics, MEMS and NEMS.

We emphasize that the proposed project needs certain mathematical theories and asymptotic techniques, for instance, bifurcation theory, dynamical systems theory, non-linear PDEs.(partial differential equations) with variable coefficients, Wentzel –Kramers –Brillouin method,

Stroh method, etc. It is therefore important to put in evidence that the proposed arguments at the center of my research interest will take great advantage by the cooperation with the research group in the Politecnico of Bari that has a long tradition in this field.

Signature

Submit your application and enclose, as separate files, a copy of your passport/ID card reporting personal details, and a full CV.