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- Laurea in Scienze Biologiche (1972) e studi medici Università La Sapienza - Roma.
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- Coordinatore del Dottorato di Ricerca in Neurobiologia delle Malattie Neurodegenerative dell'Università dell'Aquila (2007-2015).
- Direttore del Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Biomediche dell'Università dell'Aquila (2004-2011).
- Professore Associato di Fisiologia Umana – Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia Università dell'Aquila (1985-1993).
- Assistente Ordinario di Fisiologia Umana – Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia Università dell'Aquila (1974-1985).
- Professore Incaricato dal Ministero degli Affari Esteri presso la Facoltà di Medicina dell'Università Nazionale della Somalia in Mogadiscio per l'insegnamento di Fisiologia Umana, quadrimestri invernali 1979 e 1980.
- Assistente Incaricato di Fisiologia Umana – Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia Università dell'Aquila (1972-1974).
- Borsista CNR-CNRS (decreto 132.03.02 del 21.1.1981) e European Science Foundation (decreto del 6.11.1981) presso il Laboratoire de Physiologie des Centres Nerveux, Université Paris VI, Prof. J.Féger e Prof.D.Albe-Fessard (1980-1981).
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- Borsista del Schweizerischer Nationalfonds zur Förderung (Decreto FNS nr. 893.295.85 del 3.6.1985) presso l'Institut de Physiologie de l'Université de Fribourg, Svizzera, Prof. W.Schultz (1985-1986).

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