

Education and academic background

After achieving his Master Degree *cum laude* in Food Science and Technology at the University of Catania in 2003, he got a PhD in Food Science and Technology at the University of Catania in 2007, with a thesis titled "*Packaging optimization for minimally processed fruit*". From 2006 to 2007 he was research fellow at the Department of Agricultural and Food Science of University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. From 2007 to 2018 he was research fellow at the Department of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science (Di3A, previously DOFATA and DiSPA) of the University of Catania.

He achieved the National Scientific Qualification (ASN) as Full Professor (valid until July 26, 2027) for sector 07/F1.

From March 1st, 2018 until February 28th, 2021 he was Assistant Professor, while since March 1st, 2021 he has been Associate Professor at the Department of Life Science of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in the sector "Food Science and Technology" (AGR/15). Since 2021 he has been a member of the Technology Transfer Committee of UNIMORE, and since November 1st, 2023 he has been the Coordinator of the PhD Course in Agri-Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology (STEBA).

Scientific activity

Dr. Fabio Licciardello has been carrying out research activities in the field of food science and technology, with special focus on: shelf life studies of foods, development and characterization of biobased and biodegradable films and coatings, optimization of packaging systems, evaluation of innovative preservation and stabilization techniques, study of food/packaging interactions. In 2010 he was visiting researcher (7 months) at the laboratories of the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Zaragoza (Spain). In 2014 he was visiting researcher (2 months) at the Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering and Packaging (IVV), Freising (Germany) working on a project financed by the German Service for Academic Exchange (DAAD).

He has contributed as a speaker and invited speaker at several national and international conferences, he has been Chair of the 11th edition of SLIM (Shelf Life International Meeting) and member of the Scientific Committee of the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th edition of this conference, author and co-author of 86 publications (>2600 citations, *h*-index: 29) on international journals, and referee for many Q1 scientific journals in the Food Science category. Since 2019 he is member of the Editorial Board of the journal Food Packaging and Shelf Life (Elsevier). Since 2023 he has been President of the Italian Scientific Group for Food Packaging (GSICA).

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