

Call for applications for mobility grants reserved for holders of Doctoral scholarships funded from PNRR funds academic year 2025/2026

"IMPACT"

International Mobility for Phd students, Academics, and Competitive Talent co-financed by the Italian Ministry of University and Research

Art. 1 - General information

The Doctoral School of the University of Verona intends to encourage the mobility of its students enrolled in Doctoral Courses with administrative headquarters at the University of Verona, whose scholarships are financed by PNRR funds ex DD. MM. 117/2023, 118/2023, 629/2024 and 630/20241. The initiative is part of the 'IMPACT - International Mobility for PhD Students, Academics, and Competitive Talent' project, CUP B31B25000570001, co-funded by the MUR (Italian Ministry of University and Research), which provides for international promotion, bilateral cooperation and academic mobility, including the enhancement of international mobility for PhD students at the university.

Mobility programmes must be aimed at carrying out compulsory training and/or research activities lasting 6 months at foreign institutions located in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey². The country of destination must be different from the applicant's Country of origin/residence.

The mobility period must be completed and concluded during the regular enrollment period, and it cannot be funded during any extension period. Mobilities can take place from 1 January 2026 until 30 September 2026, for a minimum duration of one continuous month.

Doctoral students who are in receipt of a mobility scholarship and/or grant from the University for the same mobility cannot apply for a grant under this Call.

Applicants will be receiving the increase in the Doctoral scholarship provided for mobility periods abroad and will be able to make use of their own research funds. Mobility grants may only be requested for the mandatory six-month period abroad required by the doctoral project, even in the case of continuation of mobility already partially funded under the previous edition of the call for applications.

The planned activities must be carried out in the Country of destination: the financial coverage of the mobility will be assigned only for the period physically spent abroad and duly certified by the host institution. Therefore, any mobility periods carried out virtually or in any other location other than the mobility destination will not be funded.

Art. 2 – FUNDING

¹ Recipients of PhD scholarships funded from PNRR funds are not eligible for international mobility scholarships under the Erasmus+ Programme due to the Programme's ban on double funding.

² For mobilities towards other countries not included in the list, please refer to the University's Call for applications for international mobility grants - non-EU destinations, a.y. 2025/2026.

The total budget available will be equal to **45,000 Euros** funded by the Ministry of University and Research as part of the project 'IMPACT - International Mobility for PhD students, Academics, and Competitive Talent', CUP B31B25000570001.

Art. 3 - GRANT REQUEST

Doctoral students enrolled in a Doctoral Course will be able to spend a period of not less than one continuous month at a foreign institution (see Art. 1) and apply for funding for a maximum of 6 months total, to be spent in the same Institution within the period 1.01.2026 – 30.9.2026. The duration of the mobility may in any case be longer than the financed period.

Group	Destination country	Monthly grant
GROUP 1	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands.	€550.00
GROUP 2	Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.	- €500.00
GROUP 3	Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Turkey.	

The grant will be paid to the beneficiaries in the form of a scholarship for post-graduate research activities. The total amount of each grant is to be considered gross of the charges provided for by law: a variable percentage of IRPEF (personal income tax) will be deducted from the total mobility grant, calculated on the basis of the beneficiary's income bracket.

Recipients may also use their 10% budget to claim reimbursement of mission expenses, in addition to the 50% increase of the Doctoral scholarship for periods spent abroad.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be considered in the order they are received, **starting from the date this Call is published** and until all the available funds have been allocated.

Applications will be accepted **until 1 August 2026**. The mobility periods must be completed by **30 September 2026**.

Completed applications with all the required documents attached should be submitted within a time window ranging from 1 to 3 months before the expected start of the mobility.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the present Call, each applicant is required to:

- a. find a host institution in agreement with his/her own Doctoral Course tutor and plan the mobility period;
- b. agree on a research plan with the Host Institution and the Doctoral Course tutor for the whole mobility period (using the template available online);
- c. complete the online application form attaching:
- the **Research plan**, duly signed by the applicant, the Doctoral Course tutor and the supervisor at the Host Institution;
- copy of the pdf summary "**U-web- Mission Request**", proving that the mobility has been duly authorised.

Candidates may apply for a grant for **only one mobility** under this Call for Applications. Therefore, in the case of multiple mobility programmes to the same destination, organised in different periods

during the 2025/2026 academic year, the single application must indicate the total number of months (up to a maximum of 6) for which funding is requested, specifying that the mobility will be organised in consecutive but not continuous periods.

Applications with incomplete attachments, or incorrectly filled in or in formats other than those made available online, or not registered by the deadlines specified above, **will be rejected**.

Art. 5 – LIST OF SELECTED APPLICANTS, AND PREPARING FOR THE MOBILITY

The PhD Office will promptly check the applications received and draw up a list of the selected applicants who have been awarded a mobility grant, in accordance with the requirements and details set out in this Call for Applications. The list of selected applicants will be made available online.

Grant recipients are advised to contact the <u>PhD office</u> for information on the formalities required before departure (e.g. visa application, health and insurance coverage abroad, etc.).

Art. 6 - GRANT PAYMENT

The mobility grants will be paid to recipients in two installments:

- 1. payment of 70% of the assigned grant before departure, once the financial contract has been duly completed and signed;
- 2. balance of the remaining amount due, equal to 30% of the allocated funding, once a final report has been submitted together with a <u>certificate of stay</u> completed and signed by the host institution, according to the guidelines that will be provided to grant recipients.

Art. 7 - INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

For further information, please contact:

PhD Office

Chiostro S. Francesco, Via S. Francesco 22, Primo Piano (Scala A), Verona tel. 045 802 8591 (Monday to Friday, 9.00AM to 1.00PM)

<u>Service Desk</u> (login with **Student GIA account**) Area Ricerca > Dottorati > Bandi per mobilità internazionale riservati a Dottorandi.

The Procedure Officer, pursuant to and for the purposes of Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, is the Director of the Research Office, Chiostro S. Francesco, Via S. Francesco 22, 37129 Verona; tel. 045 8028591 email: dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it

Applicants may exercise their right of access to the documents of the selection procedures by submitting a request form that can be downloaded from: https://www.univr.it/it/altricontenutiaccesso-civico.

Art. 8 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The personal data provided by students who apply for this Call for grants are processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter: "Regulation") and in accordance with the current data protection legislation.

The processing of personal data is carried out by the University of Verona as Data Controller, pursuant to Art. 24 et seq. of the Regulation, for the purposes set out in the present Call, in the performance of its institutional functions.

Detailed information on the purposes of data processing, data recipients and the rights of Data Subjects is available on the University's website: https://www.univr.it/it/privacy.

The official text of this Call for grants is drawn up in Italian and available <u>here</u>. This translation provides a summary in English for information purposes only. In case of discrepancies, the Italian version will prevail.