



Action 5 - MOBILITY AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Article 1 - AIMS

The University of Verona wishes to extend invitations to young researchers, university lecturers and scientists of international reputation from institutions located in developing Countries, to spend a period of not less than **one continuous month** (30 consecutive days) in Verona in order to give lectures and/or carry out research with a Department. Moreover, it is encouraged the mobility of postdocs and trainee specialists of the University of Verona to carry out teaching, study or research at a foreign institution. Stays abroad must be of not less than **one continuous month** (30 consecutive days). Mobility projects, both for incoming and outgoing individuals, should be related to development cooperation, with the aim of improving sustainability and reducing inequalities.

Intended recipients:

- Category A1: young researchers such as PhD students, postdocs or trainee specialists, or lecturers with no more than 7 years' academic experience after having obtained their PhD.
- Category A2: university lecturers and scientists of international reputation.
- Category C: students enrolled at a Postgraduate Specialisation School at the University of Verona or researchers who hold a research grant (*'assegno di ricerca'*) at the University of Verona. The mobility period must be carried out and concluded during the normal period of enrolment/service.

Mobility stays must take place during the period from the publication date of this notice until 31st December 2019.

Candidates cannot apply to two different Actions (i.e. Action 3 and Action 5) submitting the same mobility project.

Article 2 – GRANT VALUES

Category A:

The funded duration of stay for invited researchers is intended for a continuous period of **one to three months**. However, researchers may stay in Verona for longer than the funded period. The financial contribution is intended to partly support the cost of staying in Verona exclusively for the invited candidate and not to any accompanying persons. The amount will be determined based on the intended number of weeks of stay. It is not permissible under any circumstances to use the financial contribution to pay for entertainment expenses.

|  | Grant amount         |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | Junior category (A1) | Senior category (A2) |
| First month  | €2,000               | €2,500               |
| Additional weeks   | €500/week            | €600/week            |
| MAXIMUM GRANT<br>for a stay of three<br>consecutive months | €6,000               | €7,300               |



The distinction between Junior and Senior categories is based on applicants' academic experience:

- Junior: young researchers such as PhD students, postdocs or trainee specialists, or lecturers with no more than 7 years' academic experience after having obtained their PhD.
- Senior: university lecturers and scientists of international reputation.

Accountable expenses: reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation in Verona, and wage – in this case, the total amount available is to be considered gross of any withholding tax to be paid by the Entity and the recipient as provided by law. **Payments to guests of non-EU nationality must comply with the provisions of law related to their type of visa to enter Italy.** For further information or assistance, please contact the university's Welcome Office ([international@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:international@ateneo.univr.it)).

### **Category C:**

Postdoc researchers and postgraduate specialisation students may spend a continuous period of **not less than one month** at a foreign institution and may request funding for a **maximum period of two months**. However, the stay abroad can be for longer than the funded period.

| <b>C: Postgraduate Specialisation students and Postdocs</b> |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Maximum grant available:</b>                             |                          |
| European destination  | Non-European destination |
| <b>€2000/month</b>  | <b>€2500/month</b>       |

Other financial contributions from any Italian or foreign entity for the same mobility project (e.g. study scholarship, free accommodation; reimbursement of travel expenses; wage; etc.) must be declared in the application under the "co-funding" section. Any such funding will be taken into consideration when evaluating the project. The university will make up the difference between the co-funding amount and the amount to be awarded.

Funds granted under category C will be paid to beneficiaries in the form of a post-graduate research scholarship.

### **Article 3 - AVAILABLE FUNDS**

The total available budget amounts to **€15,000** for incoming and outgoing mobility projects within Action 5.

### **Article 4 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Each applicant should proceed as follows:

1. Fill out the application form [online](#);
2. Where required, and in accordance with the chosen category, attach the necessary documentation (in electronic format only) for the project to be evaluated.

In particular:



| CATEGORY | DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION  |
|----------|--|
| A        | Research and/or teaching project to be carried out in Verona by the invited candidate.   |
|          | Letter of presentation of the project, completed by the academic referee at the institute of origin or the hosting lecturer at the University of Verona (following the form provided). |
|          | Candidate's detailed CV including any publications and detailed information about previous education/experience/research projects in the field of development cooperation.             |
| C        | Research project to be carried out abroad.   |
|          | Letter of invitation and presentation of the project, completed by the academic referee at the destination institute (following the model provided).                                   |
|          | Candidate's detailed CV including any publications and detailed information about previous education/experience/research projects in the field of development cooperation.             |

The **deadline** for completing and submitting applications **online** is **28<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at **12:00 noon**.

#### Article 5 - EVALUATION CRITERIA

The **evaluation criteria** are as follows:

| CRITERIA   | POINTS                |
|--|-----------------------|
| Exchange is part of a specific cooperation agreement between the University of Verona and the home/host institute. The agreement must already be signed and active at the time of the publication of this call (Erasmus mobility agreements are excluded). | 1 point               |
| Applications for incoming mobility (Type A1 and A2)  | 2 points              |
| Applications for junior incoming&outgoing mobility (Type A1 and C)   | 2 points              |
| Evaluation by the central Commission, with reference to the following parameters:  | 0-15 points of which: |
| Candidate's CV, activities and academic publications.  | 0-3 points            |
| Study/research project to be carried out in the host destination   | 0-12 points           |
| <b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>  | <b>20</b>             |
| <b>MINIMUM THRESHOLD for funding eligibility</b>   | <b>9</b>              |

#### Article 6 - PREPARATION OF RANKINGS

After the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Central Commission will meet to compile a general ranking, based on the evaluation criteria detailed in Art. 5. Final results will be published after formal approval of the University Bodies (expected approval: end of May 2018).

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N.B. This is the English translation of a brief extract of Action 5 of the University Internationalisation Programme, 2018. For further information, please refer to the official Italian version, which is available [here](#). For any doubts, assistance or support regarding application submissions, contact the International Relations Office ([international@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:international@ateneo.univr.it)).