

**Globalization Program – Spring 2018
Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility
Call for Applications**



Scholarships, international mobility, research internships and advanced courses within the **Globalization Program** of Venice International University (VIU)

The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the 16 member Universities, which are part of the VIU *consortium*, in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment.

The program is open to undergraduate and master's students from the member universities. Each semester 120-140 students come to Venice to take part in VIU's Globalization Program. The courses are English-taught by professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit. Attendance is compulsory in all courses.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. Students of the Globalization Program are thus better prepared for graduate and professional study and for careers in new and emerging fields.

Who can register for the Globalization Program

Students registered in any degree programs at one of VIU's [member universities](#) are eligible to apply for the Globalization Program.

Exchange students at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Università Iuav di Venezia and Università degli Studi di Padova are also eligible to apply.

The application procedures differ depending on the student home university. Please check VIU website at <http://univiu.org/homepage/study/globalization-program/admissions> for further information.

Courses available within the Globalization Program

A set of core courses is available every semester, focusing on three themes:

A. ITALY - courses that showcase Venetian and Italian life, culture, art and history.

1. History of Venice
2. Italian Contemporary History in Films
3. Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice



B. CULTURES OF THE WORLD - courses that examine the cultures of the world; courses that make the most of the intercultural classroom.

4. Intercultural Communication
5. Gender Studies
6. Comparing East and West

C. GLOBAL CHALLENGES - courses that address current, global issues, preferably from an interdisciplinary perspective.

7. Identity, Heritage and Globalization
8. Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights
9. Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development

Two specialization tracks are also offered, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

- **ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE (Fall semesters only)**

This track typically includes 3-6 courses.

This specialization track aims at introducing students to concepts such as Natural and Cultural Heritage, both tangible and intangible; to the challenges posed by their management, preservation and development, in relation to development policies and/or citizenship issues.

At least one course is more practical and devoted to learning digital tools applied to one or more aspects of Cultural Heritage.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Spring semesters only)**

This track typically includes 3-6 courses:

This specialization track aims at developing awareness of Sustainability concepts and issues, applied to the Environment and the Economy, learning about sustainable practices and management, adopting ethical and cultural approaches.

Courses provide tools of analysis of Environmental changes and of impact valuation (including digital tools), knowledge about policies, law and governance; climate change; sustainable energy; food and water security; corporate social responsibility and industrial ecology; the role of lead firms in fostering environmental innovation; justice and development.

The full list of courses offered in the Spring 2018 semester is available at:

<http://univiu.org/homepage/study/globalization-program/courses>



Who can apply for the Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility opportunities within the framework of the Globalization Program

Students enrolled in any of the member universities in the second year of their Master's degree (laurea magistrale), who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program can apply for the research internships and mobility opportunities offered to the students in the Globalization Program. Exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Iuav and Padova are not eligible. After the semester of courses at VIU, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their final Master's thesis at one of VIU's member universities or affiliated institutions.

Students interested in applying for the Research Internships and Mobility program must register for at least two courses at VIU.

A second call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will be published during the semester. The call is addressed to undergraduate and graduate students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Iuav and Padova, who are attending the semester at VIU (at least three courses) and who wish to do an internship in a host organization in Italy following the semester. Students applying for one call are automatically excluded from the other.

Research Internships, Worldwide Mobility, Scholarships

The research internships and the worldwide mobility are for two to four months and start and end dates are fixed in collaboration with the host organization and depending on the research projects that the students will pursue. They are usually completed by the end of the solar year (December 2018 for Spring 2018 students). Any exception must be justified by academic or research reasons and approved by the selection committee.

Some of the host institutions provide a research mentor and full access to library and electronic resources while some others also offers the chance to take university courses recognized for credits (see table below).

Students selected for the research internships and worldwide mobility will be awarded a scholarship which will partially cover travel and living costs. The amount of the scholarship is calculated considering the estimated travel expenses (VISA when required) and estimated living costs (accommodation for the first month of the stay) of the country of destination (see table below).

Some internship positions without scholarship might be available depending on the number of applicants and the quality of the research projects submitted.

Worldwide Mobility Destinations



University	Benefits	Scholarship awarded (for the entire period)
Boston College, Fine Arts department	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Boston College, Lynch School of Education	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Boston College, Carroll School of Management	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Duke University, Center on Globalization, Governance and Competitiveness	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Duke University, Art, Art History and Visual Studies	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
KU Leuven (i) – selected departments	mentor+ library resources	€ 700
Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society	mentor+ library resources	€ 700
Ludwig Maximilians Universität (i) – selected departments	mentor+ library resources	€ 700
Waseda University (any graduate school)	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,200
Tsinghua University, School of Environment	mentor+library resources+courses	€ 1,200
Tel Aviv University	mentor+library resources+courses	€ 1,000
Université de Bordeaux (i) – selected departments	mentor+ library resources	€ 700

(i) Mobility period at this hosting institution should be concluded by September 30, 2018

A candidate may also request to go to a host institutions outside the VIU network (full list of VIU Members available here <http://www.univiu.org/homepage/about-viu/members>). If the selection committee approves, VIU will work towards establishing a connection with the new institution. The active participation of the student candidate and the thesis supervisor is expected and necessary during the negotiation process. The candidate should consider that VIU cannot guarantee a positive outcome.

Selection Committee

Candidates will be selected at the end of the semester at VIU by a committee that will take into account the recommendations of the Professors teaching courses. The selection committee will be composed of:

- Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Carlo Giupponi
- Vice Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Luca Pes
- Academic advisor of the Mobility Program, Prof. Ilda Mannino

The selection of the candidates and the award of the scholarships will be based on a ranking. The score achieved by each student will be the result of the sum of the following:



1) Research project (up to 60% of the final score)

- academic quality of the candidate
- quality of the project
- adherence of the theme addressed in the project to Globalization Program themes
- matching of the research project with the possible destinations

2) Grade obtained in the courses taken at VIU (up to 30% of the final score)

The grade will be the result of the arithmetical mean of the two best final grades achieved by the student

3) Participation in the co-curricular activities (up to 10% of the final score)

Participation in at least five co-curricular activities is a prerequisite

Academic activities: February 19 –June 1, 2018

Research Internships and Mobility: June–December, 2018

Deadline for applications: February 21, 2018

Students registered for the Globalization Program who wish to compete for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities must register for and complete at least two courses within the Globalization Program courses offered during the Spring 2018 semester. By mid-term (March 30, 2018) they must submit a draft research proposal to be pursued during the research internships and mobility phase, which should include indication of the selected destination and preferred period (max. 5 pages).

By the end of classes (May 25, 2018) they must submit the final research project that will be examined and evaluated by the selection committee.

Each candidate should have a supervisor to the research activities in his home University. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

Within a month of handing in the final research projects, the selection committee will communicate the results.

Candidates will be informed by e-mail.

For further information:

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