

Globalization Program – 2nd semester of AY 2020-2021 (Spring 2021)

Research Internships and Worldwide Mobility

Call for Applications

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

- students enrolled in any Master's degree (including *Laurea Magistrale*) at one of VIU member universities who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program
- advanced undergraduate students who are studying for a 4-year bachelor degree, who intend undertaking a final research thesis/project for credit

The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the 20 member Universities, which are part of the VIU *consortium*, in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment.

The program is open to bachelor and master's students from the member universities. Each semester around 150 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.

The application procedures differ depending on the student home university.

Please check VIU website at:

<https://www.univiu.org/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 critically analyze 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

There are six specialization tracks with three available in alternate semesters.

SPECIALIZATION TRACKS 1st semester (Fall)

3-6 courses will be available in each track and will vary each semester.

D1. Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to Cultural Heritage

The aim of this specialization track is to introduce 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. 3-5 courses are typically offered in this track.

D2. Science and Society (NEW in 2021)

The aim is to explore critically the role and impact of science, technology and innovation within society, and conversely how society, politics and culture affect scientific research and innovation. Courses may examine Science as a profession and the role of scientists as stakeholders within society, or may scrutinize the ethics of science, and explore the many relevant societal issues including science and education, science communication and civic engagement; the economics, sociology and anthropology of science; representation of science in literature and the arts; citizen science and open science; responsible research and innovation.

D3. History and Memory (NEW in 2021)

This specialization track is intended to offer opportunities to develop an up-to-date understanding of history, historical research and consciousness, Collective and individual memory and forgetting, with their ethical and political implications, in their micro and macro dimensions.

SPECIALIZATION TRACKS 2nd Semester (Spring)

3-6 courses will be available in each track and will vary each semester.



D4. Environmental Management and Sustainable Development

The aim of this specialization track is to develop 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 may 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.

D5. Cities and Global Change (NEW in 2021)

This specialization track focuses on the cities as places where human activities are concentrated, as the chief causes of, and solutions to, anthropogenic global change, providing students with a critical view on the nature of cities and social, economic, political, cultural global change, their interrelation, the way in which cities address problems and opportunities emerging from such change (climate change, transport and mobility, democracy and participation, education, multiculturalism, migration and population trends, tourism, land use, urban poverty) and the tools available for governance of change.

D6. Environmental Humanities (NEW in 2021)

This track aims to capture existing conjunctions across environmental philosophy, environmental history, ecocriticism, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, and political ecology, while also seeking to integrate debates thus far largely shaped by different disciplinary contexts. Environmental Humanities can help to organize humanistic research, to open up new forms of interdisciplinarity, both within the humanities and in collaboration with the social and natural sciences, and to shape public debate and policies on environmental issues.

The full list of courses offered in the Spring 2021 semester is available at:

<https://www.univiu.org/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 Master's degree (including *Laurea Magistrale*) at one of VIU member universities who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program
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Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must have completed the pre-registration and registration for courses steps to ensure that they are enrolled in the VIU Globalization Program <https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/admissions/registration> (white box at the right bottom of the page) and must complete a minimum of two courses within the course offering of the semester in which they apply for the mobility.

VIU will also accept applications from students who have already completed at least two courses in the Fall 2020 semester of the Globalization Program. In such instances, the applicants will not be required to take courses during the Spring 2021 semester. Their participation and academic results in the previous semester will be referred to for the evaluation.

After the Spring 2021 semester, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their thesis at one of **VIU's member universities** or affiliated institutions.

Note: Students from VIU member universities in Italy interested in spending a period of study/research in one of the **following member universities** - KU Leuven, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Université de Bordeaux, Tel Aviv University, European University at Saint Petersburg - must apply through the separate **VIU Erasmus+ Calls for applications** <http://univiu.org/erasmus/calls> Minimum period: 90 days.

A second call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will also be published during the semester. The call is addressed to bachelor and master's students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Iuav, Padova and Tor Vergata 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 can apply for one call only.

Research Internships, Worldwide Mobility, Scholarships

Research internships and the worldwide mobility are from two to four months. Start and end dates of the mobility 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 2021 for Spring 2021 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.

Established Worldwide Mobility Destinations

University	Benefits	Scholarship awarded (for the entire period)
Boston College - Fine Arts department - Lynch School of Education - Carroll School of Management	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Duke University - Duke Global Value Chains Center - Art, Art History and Visual Studies - Nicholas School of the Environment - Sanford School of Public Policy	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,500
Tsinghua University - School of the Environment	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,200
Waseda University - any graduate school	mentor+ library resources	€ 1,200

Ludwig Maximilians Universität - Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society	mentor+library resources+courses	€ 800
Tel Aviv University	mentor+library resources+courses	€ 1,000



A candidate may also request to go to other departments or VIU member universities (full list of VIU Members available here <https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/members> or host institution outside the VIU network. If the selection committee approves, VIU will work towards establishing new agreements to facilitate the student mobility.

In the case of proposed host organizations outside the VIU membership, the active participation of the student candidate and the thesis supervisor will be expected and necessary during the negotiation process. The candidate should consider that a positive outcome is dependent on the compatibility of the project with the goals of the proposed host institution, and their availability to host a research internship. VIU cannot therefore always 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) Evaluation, by Professors, of the student academic performance in the first half of the VIU semester (up to 30% of the final score).

In case the candidate does not complete the course, he/she will be automatically excluded from the mobility program.

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. Students non fulfilling this requirement will be excluded from the selection. Active participation in the VIU Plenary workshop or in the Venice Universities' Model European Union VeUMEU will be considered equal to three co-curricular activities.

Academic activities: February 15 – May 28, 2021

Research Internships and Mobility: September–December, 2021

Deadline for applications: February 17 2021, 3.00pm (CET)



Students competing for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities 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 April 5, 2021. Prof. Pes and Prof. Mannino will follow the process, giving instructions and feedbacks.

By May 20, 2021 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/her home University. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

The selection committee will communicate the results by the end of the semester. Candidates will be informed by e-mail.

All Research Internships are subject to the approval of the host institution.

Venice, February 4, 2021

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