



Attachment 1

Call ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme A.Y. 2023/2024

**Deadline:
11/12/2023 5 p.m. CET**

1. Presentation and eligible activities

The ERC Visiting Programme of the European Commission supports a period of mobility of potential ERC candidates to already active ERC projects, in close contact with Principal Investigators and their teams, for periods of 1 month.

The programme enables selected candidates to strengthen their research profile and project idea in an internationally competitive research environment, before submitting their ERC proposal.

The Ca' Foscari ERC VISITING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME A.Y. 2023/2024 call will finance 16 mobility periods of one month each, for candidates who intend to participate in the ERC calls expiring in 2024 or 2025. The expected costs are those relating to mobility, which will be paid on the basis of the Mission Regulations ("Regolamento Missioni", maximum 2,300 euros). The evaluation of the applications will be carried out by evaluators internal and/or external to the University.

2. Admission Requirements

a) Categories admitted to the Mobility ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme:

- Researchers on fixed-term and permanent contracts (Ricercatori e ricercatrici a tempo determinato e indeterminato)
- Associate professors and Full professors
- Extraordinary professors (Professori/esse Straordinari/e)
- Research fellows (Assegnisti/e)

b) To participate in the mobility, the following requirements must be met:

- to be in service or have an ongoing contract with Ca' Foscari University of Venice at the time of application and until the end of the period of mobility;
- to undertake to submit an ERC Starting, Consolidator, Advanced or Synergy Grant proposal within the 2024 or 2025 and ERC calls as Principal Investigator, choosing Ca' Foscari as Host Institution.

In case of ongoing contracts funded 100% on European projects or by other funding bodies, it is necessary to check compatibility with the International Research Office - Individual Funding Sector.

3. Budget available for financing mobility

This announcement provides a total budget of €37,700 for the funding of travel grants of one month each, for a maximum individual amount of €2,300.

The Evaluation Committee will draw up a ranking of the winners and one of the personnel eligible to participate in an ERC Visiting Fellowship Program mobility.

Eligible but non-winning personnel will be able to carry out the mobility in case of renunciation by the winners.

In the event that the fellowships initially envisaged are not assigned, the Administration may reopen the terms of the call, even in different terms than those described in this call. The International Research Office - Individual Funding Unit - will give appropriate communication.

4. Destination and duration

Applicants should contact the International Research Office – Individual Funding Unit (erc@unive.it) to consult the list of PIs who have given their willingness to host ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme mobility, and will then have to autonomously contact the PI with whose ERC team they wish to carry out the mobility period.

It is possible to contact PIs not included in the list, as long as their projects are active and end after the end of the planned mobility period.

In any case, the ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme mobility must take place by 1 December 2024 and by the end date of the ERC project in which applicants are interested.

The duration of the mobility is 1 month (30 days) in presence (also divided into two or more periods), travel included.

For mobility periods that may last longer than stated in the application, the International Research Office will not guarantee financial coverage for the excess days. This measure is aimed at ensuring correct financial programming of mobility.

5. Financial contribution

The financial contribution provides for a maximum individual amount of €2,300 including travel, food, accommodation and urban transport.

If the mobility takes place abroad, the disbursement of the contribution will take place through a flat-rate reimbursement for mobility abroad. The total amount of the contribution is to be considered gross in application of the tax legislation established by ordinary laws. 90% of the total gross amount of the contribution will be paid in the form of an advance before departure. Upon return from mobility, the net amount due will be recalculated in accordance with the tax legislation and - depending on the case - a balance will be paid or a refund will be requested.

If the mobility takes place in Italy, the reimbursement will take place analytically, with the need to collect and present the supporting documents for the expenses incurred, as indicated in the Mission Regulations ("Regolamento Missioni") of Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

6. How to participate and deadline

To participate, it will be necessary to complete and submit by the deadline – 11/12/2023 at 5 pm - the online application form and the following attachments available on the page <https://www.unive.it/erc-vfp-eng> :

- "FORM A": letter of acceptance from the PI certifying the willingness to welcome the candidate for one month;
- "FORM B": letter of commitment from the candidate, who undertakes to present an ERC Starting/Consolidator/Advanced/Synergy Grant project in the context of the ERC 2024 or 2025 calls choosing Ca' Foscari as Host Institution;
- "FORM C": CV and extended synopsis ERC.

When completing the online application form, you will be asked to attach the aforementioned forms complete with signatures. The required signatures are those of the candidate, of the relevant Department Director (if "assegnista", also the supervisor's signature, and of the host ERC PI. Applications without this complete and duly signed documentation will not be accepted.

7. Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee is appointed by the Rector and is made up of at least 3 members of the Ca' Foscari ERC Board, internal and/or external experts/experts and staff from the Research Area.

8. Selection criteria

The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the applications received by the deadline indicated in art. 6, formulating within 30 days the ranking of the assignees of the 2023/2024 ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme mobility grants, based on the following criteria and scores:

TOTAL ASSIGNABLE SCORE: Max 30 points

- CV and track record (max 10 points):
 - Intellectual capacity and creativity: To what extent has the applicant demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research? To what extent does the applicant provide evidence of creative and original thinking? (max. 5 points)
 - To what extent does the applicant have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the ERC project? (max. 5 points)
- ERC Proposal Extended Synopsis (max 12 points)

- To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges? (max. 4 points)
 - To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)? (max. 4 points)
 - To what extent is the preliminary description of the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the ground-breaking nature and ambition of the proposed research? (max. 4 points)
- Assessment of the Hosting PI and appropriateness of the Hosting Team (max 8 points)

Those who indicate a score equal to or higher than 21 points are considered eligible. Eligible applications will be funded starting with the highest score and until the allocated budget is reached.

Those who are not eligible or among the funded ones will still be able to submit their application within the following call.

In the event of a ex-aequo score, the application with the highest score assigned to the "ERC Proposal Extended Synopsis" section will be privileged first and - secondly - the application with the highest score assigned to the "CV and Track Record".

The ranking will be published on the dedicated page of the University website (www.unive.it/erc-vfp-eng) and the candidates will be notified via their institutional email.

Each winner, in addition to requesting and reporting the mobility in line with the University "Regolamento Missioni", will have to have a certificate signed by the host PI attesting the effective stay, and keep the round-trip travel documents as proof of actual period of mobility.

The travel request (richiesta missione) must be made from your the personal area of Ca' Foscari's website.

9. Processing of personal data

The processing of personal data will take place in compliance with the provisions of the applicable national and EU legislation (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and EU Regulation 2016/679). The Privacy Policy can be downloaded at the following link: <https://www.unive.it/pag/36550/>

10. Responsible for the procedure and information request

1. The person in charge of this procedure is Dr. Laura Fagarazzi.
2. For information on the call and how to submit applications, contact the International Research Office at the address erc@unive.it or at the telephone numbers 041 234 8093 - 8340 - 7067.