



# ERC VISITING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME Call 2023-2024

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# The ERC VFP Call: Aim

- The ERC Visiting Programme was established by the European Commission to support a period of mobility of **potential ERC candidates to ongoing ERC projects**, in close contact with Principal Investigators and their teams
- The Programme enables selected candidates **to strengthen their research profile and project idea** in an internationally competitive research environment, before submitting their ERC proposal and to **maximise their funding possibilities**.

# The ERC VFP Call @Ca' Foscari - 1

- This initiative **was set in the frame of the Human Resources Strategy For Researchers** Initiative and funded with Ca' Foscari own budget.
- **16 mobility periods** for candidates who wish to participate in the 2024 or 2025 ERC calls.

# The ERC VFP Call @Ca' Foscari - 2

- Fellowships: **2300 € each**, for a mobility period of **1 month**  
(can also be split into shorter periods)
- If outside Italy: **lump sum**; if in Italy: **actual costs** (see  
“**regolamento missioni**”)

# Who Can Apply - 1

- **Researchers** (Ricercat. a tempo determinato/indeterminato)
- **Full or Associate Professors** (Prof./sse Ordinari/e e Associati/e)
- **Research Grant Holders** (Assegnisti/e)

In case your **contract is funded 100% by EU funds or by external funding bodies**, it is necessary to **check its compatibility** with the International Research Office (**[erc@unive.it](mailto:erc@unive.it)**)

## Who Can Apply - 2

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



# ERC VFP: How to apply

To participate, applicants must complete and submit the **online application form and its attachments** within **11 December 2023 at 5 pm.**

The application package is available on the **webpages**

- <https://www.unive.it/erc-vfp> [IT]
- <https://www.unive.it/erc-vfp-eng> [EN]



# ERC VFP: First Steps

- **Contact us (erc@unive.it)** to receive the **complete list of** hosting **ERC PIs** and information on their projects.
- You can also **choose a PI who is not in the official list**, as long as their ERC projects are ongoing, and end after the the planned ERC VFP mobility period.
- Contact us also in case you need to **check your eligibility**.

# ERC VFP: Application Package

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

# ERC VFP: Application Package

- **Online Application Form** (attachments must be uploaded):  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCi9bmZJ9hvpB3\\_TWnSbm\\_3XlvWnUF1YH2K6TgShthAPNF1g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCi9bmZJ9hvpB3_TWnSbm_3XlvWnUF1YH2K6TgShthAPNF1g/viewform)



# ERC VFP: Application Package

## FORM A: Commitment of the hosting ERC PI:

- commitment to host the applicant
- short assessment of the applicant and plan for integration in the ERC team

FORM A - Commitment of the hosting ERC PI

*Date and Place*

To the Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice,

**Subject: Declaration of commitment to host** \_\_\_\_\_ *(name and surname of the applicant)* **in the frame of the ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme.**

With this letter I, \_\_\_\_\_ *(name and surname of the PI)*, PI of the ERC grant \_\_\_\_\_ *(acronym and title of the ERC project)* GA number \_\_\_\_\_ - duration from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ *(start and end date of the ERC Grant)* commit myself to host \_\_\_\_\_ *(name and surname of the applicant)* in the frame of the ERC Visiting Fellowship Programme.

# ERC VFP: Application Package

## FORM B: Commitment of the Applicant:

- commitment to submit the ERC proposal with Ca' Foscari as Host Institution
- signed by the Applicant, the Director of Department and (only for 'assegnisti/e') the Supervisor

FORM B - Commitment of the Applicant

Date and Place

To the Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice,

**Subject: Declaration of commitment for the submission of an ERC Proposal with Ca' Foscari University of Venice as Host Institution.**

# ERC VFP: Application Package

**FORM C:** complete the sections (with guiding questions)

- CV and Track Record
- ERC Proposal Summary
- Short explanation for the choice of the Hosting ERC project

## Form C - CV and Extended synopsis of the ERC proposal

Name and surname of the applicant:

Type of ERC grant:

Tentative ERC proposal Acronym:

Tentative ERC proposal Title

Tentative ERC Panel (s) - see



# ERC VFP: Evaluation Procedure

- Your application will be evaluated by 3 members of **Ca' Foscari ERC Board** (see page <https://www.unive.it/pag/33625/> )
- They will discuss your application's contents according to the evaluation criteria (see ERC VFP Call) and will find a **consensus** on evaluation marks, + a short comment on your Profile and Proposal
- The **ranking** will be published within 22 December



# ERC VFP: Evaluation Criteria 1

TOTAL 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 VFP: Evaluation Criteria 2

ERC Proposal Summary (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 by the Hosting PI and appropriateness of the Hosting ERC project** (max **8** points)

# ERC VFP: Evaluation Criteria 3

A final overall score equal to or higher than **21/30** points are considered **eligible**. Eligible applications will be funded starting with the highest score and until the allocated budget is reached.

**Ex-aequo score:** the application with the highest score assigned to the "**ERC Proposal Extended Synopsis**" section will be ranked first and – secondly – the application with the highest score assigned to the "**CV and Track Record**".

# ERC VFP: 3 tips before applying

- This is an excellent opportunity to get a short assessment of your profile and proposal idea before the official ERC application: **try to do your best** to meet the application criteria!

# ERC VFP: 3 tips before applying

- As for the ERC, evaluators won't necessarily be expert in your discipline: **make your concepts clear and understandable** and try to relate the application's sections to each other: this will be useful also for your official ERC application.

# ERC VFP: 3 tips before applying

- The ERC VFP call **budget is quite high this year**: this means if you prepare the application carefully, you will have **concrete opportunity to be funded = for your career development**.  
Try to make the most of it!



# ERC VFP: A Fellow's Experience: Elena Ghezzi







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