



FAQs FOR APPLICANTS

Eligibility

PhD

I am in the final year of my PhD and want to apply for the Global@Venice COFUND programme. I want to know that, if the PhD degree is not awarded by 30th June 2021 (deadline for application), but the evaluation is under process, will I be eligible to apply ?

To be able to apply, you must have acquired your PhD before the deadline.

In the application form, we ask applicants to upload a copy of their PhD certificate. If the certificate has not yet been issued, but they have passed the doctoral final examination (dissertation defense) before the call deadline, applicants must indicate this date as “date of award” and upload an official letter in English issued by their University/Institution confirming this and stating the expected date the doctoral degree certificate will be issued.

If your dissertation defense will take place after the deadline, please bear in mind that there will be another call for proposals next year.

I obtained my PhD in February 2013. Am I still eligible for the program?

To be eligible to apply candidates must have obtained their PhD in the last 8 years prior to the call deadline (30 June 2021). This means that if they obtained their PhD before 30 June 2013, they are not eligible.

However, as we say in the call:

If an applicant obtained a Ph.D. earlier than 8 years ago (before 30 June 2013) and they took some time off from research for parental leave or long-term illness since their Doctoral Degree, they might still be eligible as periods of inactivity in research for these reasons are not taken into account. If this is the case, the applicant must provide evidence for each period of time. The call gives more details on the evidence applicants must provide.

I have worked less than 8 years in research, but if full calendar years are counted since my PhD award, somewhat more time has passed already. Can periods of work outside academia be taken into account towards the 8-year limit?

Periods of inactivity in research and/or unconventional paths for work reasons outside the academic field (e.g. industry) are not grounds for requesting an exception to the 8-year rule.

They are considered a potentially valuable contribution to the career development of researchers and should be explained in a detailed way in the researcher's CV so that the evaluation committees can evaluate them fairly at the interview stage.

Mobility

I was in Italy in February 2020 when the pandemic began. I was supposed to travel to Brazil to resume my job at the University there. Because of travel restrictions I ended up working virtually and teaching to students in Brazil from my home in Italy. I have a regular contract that demonstrates this. As far as the criteria on mobility is concerned, should I consider this as time spent in Italy or in Brazil?



Given the pandemic crisis we will be flexible with the mobility criteria meaning that if a researcher cannot be where he/she is supposed to be due to travel restrictions but is currently working remotely this time can be taken into account as if he/she was in the supposed place. Once the travel restrictions are lifted we then expect the researchers to be where they are supposed to be.

Major Publication

I noticed that a "major publication" is also required, and although I have published a major article and have a chapter accepted in an edited volume, I do not yet have a book accepted for publication. Is it still possible to apply to the program in my circumstance?

"Major publication" may vary according to the standards adopted by different disciplines. Generally speaking, a book would be the best option, but a substantial journal article or a relevant digital product may also work.

The Application process

I have identified a possible supervisor from [the list on your website](#): can I contact the supervisor before I submit my proposal?

We have published a list of available supervisors from Ca' Foscari on our website. Applicants can get in touch with them before they submit their proposal to confirm their availability and interest in the project they want to present.

Please, be aware that Supervisors cannot and will not be involved in the selection process, at any stage.

I cannot find a supervisor among the list on your website. What should I do?

You can give a name of a possible Supervisor belonging to Ca'Foscari, even if they are not on the list, or you can leave this field blank in the online application form. In the first case, if you want, you can contact the supervisor before you submit the proposal. In the second case, if you are successful, the Scientific Advisory Board will choose a Supervisor whose work and interests are close to your project.

How many Fellowships are awarded this year?

In the 2021 call we will award 8 Fellowships.

How many applications may I submit?

You may submit only one application per call.

Can I apply for G@V and another funding program or Fellowship at the same time?

You can apply to different funding projects at the same time. However, if you are successful in more than one, you will have to choose only one as the G@V Fellowship cannot be held simultaneously with any other fellowship.

I applied last year for a MSCA IF and was not successful - can I apply with the same project?

It's up to you to decide the project to submit. However, considering that innovation is an important aspect of the G@V programme, as a general rule you might want to make it as much topical as possible.



I'm not sure which Institute to apply for.

If your project deals with areas covered by more than one institute, please choose the institute that is your project's main focus.

Can I get help with applying if I need particular assistance?

If you have a technical problem with the online application yes, you can get help from the online support. If you need assistance or help with the contents of your project, unfortunately we are not in the position to give you guidance or support on this.

I've missed the deadline due to an IT problem. Can I still submit my application?

We cannot accept any applications submitted after the deadline. We therefore strongly recommend submitting well before the deadline so that we can assist you with any technical difficulties you may encounter.

I have submitted my application but I want to make a change to it. Can I?

We strongly advise you to take the opportunity to review your application before submitting it. Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make changes to it, but you will have to withdraw it, start a new one, and submit it again. Please refer to the [Guidelines for Applicants and Application Forms](#) document for more information.

The Selection Process

If my application is unsuccessful, will I receive feedback?

Applicants will receive feedback after every stage of the selection process.

When do interviews take place for shortlisted candidates?

Interviews will take place in January. Interviews will be organised via video conference and held in English.

If I am shortlisted and can't make the date of my interview, may I be interviewed on a different day?

Unfortunately not. Unavailability to attend the interview or absence on the interview day will be considered as withdrawal from the selection process and will result in the exclusion of proposal from the funding.

When will I hear whether or not I have been awarded a G@V Fellowship?

The final results will be published on our website in February 2022.

Successful applicants

If I am successful, when can my Fellowship start?

This call is intended for projects which can start in or around March 2022.