



## UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VISITING RESEARCHER 2022

#### Art. 1 – Subject of the Call

1. A selection procedure is launched to support the mobility at UniME of scholars or experts with a high scientific qualification belonging to non-Italian Universities, research or higher education Institutions, who will carry out joint research activities at UniMe as Visiting Researcher in the academic year 2022/23.

#### Art. 2 – Definitions, recipients and general requirements

1. "**Proposing Professor**" means a UniME Professor or Researcher, who submits an application to invite a *Visiting Researcher* to carry out joint research activities at a UniME Department. The Proposer can submit only one application on this Call.
2. "**Visiting Researcher**" (VR) means a scholar or expert with a high scientific qualification called to carry out research activities in collaboration with UniME scholars within a UniMe Department.
3. "**Host Structure**" means the UniMe Department, where the Visiting person will carry out his/her activity (in case of research activities, also having an interdisciplinary nature, the hosting structures may be two or more).
4. Those who for the same period are already beneficiaries of a Visiting assignment at other Universities cannot be recipients of funding.

#### Art. 3 – Type and duration of the visit

1. Limited to this call, the minimum period of stay of the *Visiting Researcher* (hereinafter VR) is fixed in 30 days, to be carried out continuously. For VR carrying out activities in the CUN 06-07 areas, the minimum stay period is 10 days to be carried out continuously. Travel days will not be counted in the duration of the visit.
2. The VR activity will consist in carrying out joint research activities in cooperation with UniME scholars.
3. The visits must take place during the period from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**, on a continuous basis and within a UniME departmental structure.
4. The VR is recognized as having the rights and duties referred to in art. 5 of the "Regulations relating to the teaching and research activities of Visiting Professors and Researchers".
5. The VR, upon arrival, will have to demonstrate to have appropriate health insurance coverage (valid in Italy for the entire period of stay) and for accidents, if not provided by own institution. Visitings are covered by the University's Civil Liability policy for damage caused to third parties, including Personal Liability.

#### Art. 4 – Methods and deadlines for submitting the application

1. The VR application is presented by one or more UniME proposing professors to their respective Department, by completing **annex 1.b** to this call in its entirety.



2. The UniME Department Council, having assessed the quality and impact of the proposed research, is called upon to pronounce on the applications received from one or more proposing Professors regarding the advisability of the visit and the allocation of funding for the VR. In case of impossibility of convening the Department Council in time for the presentation of the candidacy, the application may be accompanied by the Department Director's Decree which will be ratified by the Department Council at the first useful meeting. The Department Management will have to transmit through the "Titulus" computer protocol system (classification III/14) the resolution of the Department Council or the Decree of the Director complete with applications to VR to the U. Op. International Cooperation - D.A. Scientific Research and Internationalization **no later than** 11.59 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the publication of this call.
3. In case of acceptance of the request, the proposer will ensure that at the Host Structure are guaranteed to VR adequate space and equipment for the performance of the planned activities, access to computer resources and libraries. The U. Op. International Cooperation will take care of the logistic assistance and the support for the entrance procedures.

#### **Art. 5 – Commission and selection procedures**

1. The merit evaluation of the candidacies will be carried out by a selection Commission specifically appointed by Rector's Decree.
2. The Commission will evaluate the applications received in the manner and within the terms of art. 4 of this call, according to the criteria laid down in art. 3 of the "Regulations on teaching and research activities of Visiting Professors and Researchers", and assigning the scores referred to in the All. 1b:
  - a) *curriculum vitae* and scientific personality of the visitor;
  - b) scientific reasons represented by the requesting structures, on the basis of the program of research activities that the visitor himself/herself will be asked to carry out at UniME, as well as the positive effects that can be achieved regarding the development of scientific research;
  - c) Type of visit;
  - d) participation of the VR in national or international projects in collaboration with professors of UniME/Erasmus agreements/framework cooperation agreements in force with the university of origin of the VR.
3. The Commission will formulate a ranking of the proposals worthy of funding. The ranking formulated by the Commission will be approved by Rector's Decree.
4. The Commission reserves the right to assign a lower number of funds than the budget available, if the applications do not meet the required excellence requirements. If the funds made available for carrying out the research activity are not entirely assigned, the Commission may allocate, in whole or in part, these additional resources for the performance of educational activities referred to in Article 1 paragraph 1 of the Call *Visiting Professor 2022*. In case of renunciation or impossibility to carry out the visit, the proposing professor will promptly notify the U. Op. International Cooperation, which will arrange for the possible scrolling of the ranking.

#### **Art. 6 – Notification and acceptance of selection**

1. This call and the Rector's Decree approving the selective procedure will be published on the University portal (<http://www.unime.it/it/international>). The U. Op. International



Cooperation will notify the VR of the awarding of the title and the allocation of the UniME funding, specifying the amount.

2. The VR must declare, also by e-mail, to accept the fund specifying the preferred tax regime within 15 days of the communication by the U. Op. International Cooperation and Didactics to the VR of the granting of the title and assignment of the UniME fund.

#### **Art. 7 – Economic contribution**

1. The contribution for VR is granted as a reimbursement of expenses and will be equal to:
  - a maximum of €2,500.00 for VR from non-European countries;
  - a maximum of €2,000.00 for VR from European countries.
2. The fees, based on the funds allocated for this purpose by the Board of Directors, are paid as reimbursement of expenses upon receipt of appropriate supporting documents (travel, accommodation).

#### **Art. 8 – Method of disbursement of financing**

1. The payment of the fund to the VR will take place in a single solution at the conclusion of the activity provided and following the delivery to the Department (or Departments) where the visit of the register of activities took place and of a final report that illustrates in an exhaustive manner the performed activity. The Department will transmit this documentation to the International Cooperation and Teaching Organizational Unit of the Administrative Scientific Research and Internationalization Department, to the Organization and Human Resources Management Department and to the Organization and Financial Resources Management Department for the disbursement of the contribution.
2. In any case, the payment of the remuneration will take place at the end of the month following the period of the activity by bank transfer to the current account in the name of the VR. There are no advances.
3. The VR, within the limits of the contribution referred to in the previous paragraph, can only rely on travel, board and lodging expenses, duly documented, according to the procedures set out in art. 7-9 of the Regulations for the missions of the teaching and technical-administrative staff (Last modification: D.R.No.1395 of 27 May 2014).

#### **Art. 9 – Information pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 101/2018**

1. In accordance with the provisions of art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 "General Regulation on the protection of personal data" (GDPR), the University will process personal data within its institutional purposes, exclusively for the purposes of this selection procedure. It is allowed the processing of data provided for the performance of tasks of public interest, as well as to comply with any measures issued by the judicial authority, or by other bodies and/or administrative authorities.
2. The Data Controller is the University of Messina, Piazza S. Pugliatti No.1, 98122 Messina, e-mail: [protocollo@pec.unime.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.unime.it).
3. The processing of personal data will be carried out by means of paper and/or computerized exclusively by personnel authorized to the processing of data in relation to the tasks and tasks assigned and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity.
4. The data may be disclosed to any other bodies whose involvement is necessary as required by current legislation.



5. The data will be kept for the period necessary to carry out the procedure and to fulfill all legal obligations.
6. At any time, the rights referred to in art. 15 and ss. of GDPR and, in particular, access to own personal data, rectification, integration, cancellation, limitation and the right to oppose the processing may be exercised towards the Holder. Without prejudice to the right to lodge a complaint with the Guarantor for the protection of personal data pursuant to art. 77 of the GDPR.
7. The information is available in the privacy section of the University,, <https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/privacy>, and it is an integral part of this call. By signing the application form, the candidate acknowledges having read the aforementioned information.

#### **Art. 10 – Responsible for the procedure**

The person in charge of the procedure, pursuant to law 241/90 and subsequent amendments and integrations, is Dr. Simona Fazio, Head of the Op. Unit of International Cooperation ([simona.fazio@unime.it](mailto:simona.fazio@unime.it) tel. 090-6768613).

All information and forms related to this Call will be published and constantly updated on the UniME website at the link <https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/amministrazione/albo-online>.

#### **Art. 11 – Final rule**

Although not expressly specified in this call, reference is made to the current legislation on the subject, to the Regulations relating to the teaching and research activities of Visiting Professors and Researchers, D.R. n. 1155 of 04 May 2020 ([link](#)), to Presidential Decree No.62/2013 containing the "Regulations containing the Code of Conduct for public employees and the" Code of Conduct adopted by the University "as well as the provisions contained in the "Code of Ethics" published at the link:

<https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/amministrazione/normativa/codice-di-comportamento-dei-public-employees> and the Regulations for the missions of the teaching and technical-administrative staff (Last modification: D.R.n.1395 of 27 May 2014).

This Call is published in the Official University Register, at the following link: <https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/amministrazione/albo-online>.

The presentation of the application for participation in the selection implies the acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this call and in the aforementioned regulations. Participation in the procedure implies, as previously acquired, consent to the release of the documents presented, in the event of a request by the other competitors, pursuant to the legislation on access to documents.