CALL FOR VISITING SCIENTISTS – YEAR 2018

The University of Padova, within its internalization policy aimed at enhancing training opportunities, provides funding for a total of 260,000.00 Euros (50% on the budget of the International Relations Office and 50% on the budget of the Structures involved or external funding bodies) for granting scholarships to scholars with proven scientific expertise, related to Universities / Research Centers / Foreign Entities.

Each lecturer may submit only one application.

Visiting Scientists will work in a Department / Center of the University of Padova. The Visiting Scientist shall stay for 1 (one) or 3 (three) months, with a monthly or quarterly scholarship; the stay must begin after the publication of the results of the call and must end by 31 December 2018.

The monthly scholarship is of 3,500 Euros gross (€3,225.80 gross + IRAP 8.5%); the quarterly scholarship is 7,500 Euros gross (€6,912.44 gross + IRAP 8.5%).

The scholarship will be funded 50% by the International Relations Office and the remaining 50% by the hosting Department or by the third parties.

The Department /Center has to ensure the availability of the areas, libraries, equipment and facilities needed by the Visiting Scientist to carry out his or her activities. Personal accident and Third party liability or (civil liability) insurance are required by Italian Law and shall be at the expense of the Visiting Scientist.

Applications are to be submitted by January 9, 2018 by lecturers of the University of Padova, who will be the referents of the Department/Centre inviting them, exclusively through the online form available at the website http://www.unipd.it/visiting-scientist

The application must be accompanied by the following documents in PDF format:

1. Invitation letter / email by the inviting/hosting professor at the University of Padova
2. Reply letter/e-mail by the international scholar invited
3. Curriculum Vitae of the international scholar
4. Detailed program of activities
5. Official approval by the hosting Department Council (or Confirmation Letter by the Head of Department) where the application is approved. In the case of more proposals from the same Department, indication of the priority can be reported.
6. Commitment to deliver 50% of the scholarship with:
   Official approval by the hosting Department Council (or Confirmation Letter by the Head of Department)
   - by the hosting Department / University Center (Council Resolution or Director’s Decree)
   or
   - by the external funding body (engagement letter dated and signed).

Applications will be assessed by a University Committee appointed by the Rector, who will review the proposals according to the following award criteria:

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• international scholar curriculum
• relevance of the scientific production
• coherence of the proposed activity with the scientific activities of the host Department
• the impact of the international scholar's work plan on the scientific community of Padova
• funding received by the inviting professors in the previous calls.

Preferential will be the fact that the request comes from a scholar belonging to an institution with which the University already has agreements (of cooperation / exchange) or which is still functional for the conclusion of future agreements.

The Committee reserves the right to assign a less number of scholarship than the total funding made available, if the applications did not meet the requirements of excellence.

The Committee reserves the right to change the number and duration of the scholarship.

The Committee may also decide to increase the number of scholarship on the basis of additional financial resources.

By 28/02/2019 the inviting professor shall submit a narrative report on the activities carried out by the visiting scientist through an online form (the link will be communicated later via e-mail). Failure to submit timely reports will cause the recovery of the entire funding made available by the International Relation Office.

This call and the online application form are available at the web page http://www.unipd.it/visiting-scientist, where will be published also the results of the selection (the publication will be the only means of advertising, no personal or written or telephone communications will be made).

For further information please refer to: fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it; phone: +39 049 8273598

This call is also translated into English for dissemination purposes only. For all legal purposes, the Italian version shall apply in terms of application and resolution of any controversy.

Padova, 21 November 2017

Rosario Rizzuto
Rector