

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY - BILATERAL AGREEMENTS YEAR 2026

For legal purposes refer only to the Italian version of the Call. This translated version is intended only for a better comprehension.

Art. 1 Objectives of the Call for Proposals

The Call for Application offers academic staff of the University of Padua the opportunity to carry out a period of teaching, training or research abroad at partner institutions in predominantly non-European countries with which the University of Padua has signed bilateral agreements allowing staff mobility. The full list of available destinations can be found in Appendix 1.

Art. 2 Eligible participants

This call for applications addresses the University's teaching staff, including research fellows; short-term contract professors and Lecturers on sabbatical leave and retired lecturers may not participate in the call.

Art. 3 Duration of activity

The minimum and maximum duration of the activity varies according to the Partner institution and details are provided in Appendix 1. As a general rule, the minimum period of activity is 4 consecutive days, whereas the maximum eligible period cannot exceed 30 days (excluding travel).

However, under this Call, funding may be granted for up to 14 days for requests to institutions where the agreement provides for a maximum of 30 days of mobility, and up to a maximum of 8 days for requests to institutions where the agreement provides for a maximum of 15 days of mobility or less. If the agreement provides for accommodation costs to be covered by the host institution, the grant will be awarded only for travel.

Art. 4 Activity period

Mobility can be carried out from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, during the actual opening period of the host institution. Academic staff must also verify deadlines and closures for the Academic Calendar at the host university

Art. 5 Funding

The total budget available for this Call is EUR 60.000. Mobility will be funded until the available budget is reached.

The expected financial contribution varies depending on destination and duration of the stay abroad. It is summarized in the "contribution calculation" column in the table in Annex 1. Travel contributions have been calculated on the basis of unit costs per kilometre distance bands (similar to funding rules of the Erasmus+ Programme).

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Mobility costs must be reported and will be reimbursed according to the rules laid down in the University's '*Regolamento Missioni*'. The grant provided by the University of Padua, International Relations Division, may be topped up by funds provided by the applicants' Department / Centre.

The International Relations Division will transfer the corresponding funding to the applicants' Department/Centre in one instalment before the beginning of the mobility. The Department / Centre will be responsible for the administrative and financial management of the grant.

If there are any outstanding balances, the Department will automatically proceed with the refund, following the accounting instructions set out in the University Assignments Manual prepared by the Accounting Office and available in the Manuals - Projects Sector section on the website <https://afip.unipd.it>.

Upon completion of the mobility period, the grant beneficiary shall send the following documents to the Projects & Mobility Office:

- Declaration of Stay, duly completed and signed by the host university (based on a template provided by the Office)
- A short mobility report, highlighting proposals for future collaboration in the fields of training and research.

Failure to submit the final report within 30 days of completion of the activities will result in the refund of the entire funding made available by the International Relations Division.

In case of remaining funds at the end of the selection process, the International Relations Division may assess whether to allocate the unassigned scholarships through a subsequent communication to the teaching staff and reopening of the call.

Art. 6 How to apply

Applications must be submitted by the 31 March 2026 at 1 p.m. CET exclusively via the online form available on the web page <https://www.unipd.it/en/academic-staff-mobility>

The applicant will be asked to describe the mobility objectives, the detailed programme of the activities, and the impact of the mobility on the University's internationalisation activities. The following document (in PDF format) must also be attached to the application:

- 1) Letter/e-mail of invitation from the host university countersigned by the Director of the affiliate Department;
- 2) **Self-certification** of the teaching assignment for the academic year forecast by this call, in the case of contract professors; if the contract professor is a self-employed professional with a VAT number, this must be reported in advance in the self-certification.

Each candidate may only submit 1 application. In addition, academic staff who were successful in the Bilateral Agreements 2025 may not participate.

Art. 7 Selection procedure and criteria

Applications will be selected by a dedicated Committee, appointed by Decree of the Rector, on the basis of the following criteria:

- ◆ Relevance of the teaching / research project, also in relation to the host institution;
- ◆ mobility activities that lead to the production of new teaching or research material and/or the development of new skills;
- ◆ mobility activities that strengthen and broaden cooperation between institutions, departments and schools and have clear impacts on the internationalisation of the University of Padua.

In the event of a tie, the Selection Committee may apply the following additional criteria:

- ◆ fair distribution of grants/mobility among the different disciplinary macro-areas;
- ◆ priority to projects submitted by academic staff who have never received funding from the International Relations Division for mobility (in particular within the Bilateral Agreements Call)
- ◆ distribution of mobility among the partner institutions (at least one mobility per partner);

Art. 8 Selection results

Selection results will be published on the following webpage <https://www.unipd.it/en/academic-staff-mobility>

Please note: the actual realization of mobility will always be subject to an assessment of safety conditions in the destination countries, based on the indications of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and other local or national provisions.

Art. 9 Promotion of the call notice

Department Directors are invited to collaborate so that the call for applications is properly disseminated, in order to encourage maximum participation by academics from all disciplinary fields.

Art. 10 Health care and Insurance

To obtain health insurance coverage during your stay abroad in European Union countries and in Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway, you generally only need to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. Non-EU citizens registered with and covered by the National Health Service (SSN) cannot use the EHIC in Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein, as this is not provided for by current EU legislation (EC Regulation 859/2003). Therefore, they are advised to contact their local health authority (ASL) in any case. Non-EU citizens not registered with the SSN must obtain adequate health insurance.

For health insurance coverage during a stay abroad in countries outside the European Union, EHIC coverage is not sufficient. It is therefore always necessary to purchase private insurance.

For more information on the insurance coverage provided by the University abroad, please visit the university website at: <https://www.unipd.it/assicurazione>.

Art. 11. Person in charge of Administrative Procedure and information

The Person in charge of the Administrative Procedure is Alessandra Gallerano, Director of the Projects & Mobility Office.

For further information, please contact the Projects and Mobility Office staffmobility.ari@unipd.it tel. 049 8277471.

Padua,

The Rector
Prof. Daniela Mapelli

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ANNEX 1 – DESTINATIONS, NO. OF PLACES AND MAXIMUM DURATION OF MOBILITY

COUNTRY	INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF PLACES AND MAXIMUM DURATION OF THE MOBILITY	Contribution calculation	Notes
Argentina	Universidad Nacional de San Martin	2 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Australia	University of Melbourne	3 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Univesidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro	5 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis	3 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Salvador	2 academic staff members for 7 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Universidade de Caxias do Sul	3 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Universidade Federal do Paraná	2 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Brasile	Universidade de São Paulo	3 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Cile	Universidad Diego Portales	2 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Cina, Rep. pop.	Southeast University, Nanjing	2 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Colombia	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana - Bogotà	2 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit

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Giappone	Fukuoka University	2 academic staff members for 6 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 160 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit NB: The mobility must be concluded by 10/31/2026
Giappone	University of Tokyo	3 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 185 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Giappone	Waseda University, Tokyo	2 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.735 EUR travel + 185 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 3 months before the visit
Malesia	Universiti Sains Malaysia	3 docenti per 30 gg cad.	1.735 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	
Nepal	Tribhuvan University - Kirtipur	2 academic staff members for 15 days each	1.188 EUR travel + 135 EUR per no. of days	names must be communicated to the partner University at least 2 months before the visit
Stati Uniti d'America	Boston University	3 academic staff members for 30 days each	1.188 EUR travel	Accommodation provided by the host university if the stay is planned at least 3 months in advance