**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AREA GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE



Università degli Studi di Padova

# UNIPD SCHOLARS RESCUE FUND

## Selection notice to award Research Fellowships at the University of Padua for Ukrainian scholars and scholars of other nationalities covered by international protection status

## 1. OBJECTIVES

The University of Padua, to help deal with the grave situation in Ukraine, as well as in other regions around the world affected by political and military crises, in accordance with the guidance received from the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research (MUR) and the Italian Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) in the letter, Prot. no. 0045359, of 14 March 2022, approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, Rep. 68/2022, Prot. no. 50233, of 22 March 2022, a plan of extraordinary measures to support scholars in difficulty.

Within the framework of the aforementioned plan, the University has announced maximum co-funding of  $\leq 250,000$ , for a total of  $\leq 500,000$  ( $\leq 250,000$  from the Central Administration budget and  $\leq 250,000$  from the budget of the host Divisions), towards research fellowships, with a maximum duration of 12 months, for **Ukrainian scholars** and scholars of other nationalities who, as a result of current political and military crises, have been granted **international protection**, **including temporary protection**, and, as specified below:

- a) is a Ukrainian national residing in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 and is covered by temporary protection as defined by EC Decision 2022/382;
- b) is a national of a third country or a stateless person who benefited from international protection or equivalent protection in Ukraine before 24 February 2022;
- c) holds refugee status in Italy or in a European Union Member State or in a country that is a signatory to the Geneva Convention;
- d) has been recognised the right to subsidiary protection in Italy or in a European Union Member State; is an asylum seeker in Italy or in a European Union Member State.

## 2. ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Visiting Scholars will carry out their work in a Department/Centre of the University of Padua.

The Visiting Scholar will be able to stay for a period of 3 months, which may be renewed up to 12 months, with a grant issued every 3 months. The scholar's stay can start once confirmation has been received that the application has been accepted.



### 3. FUNDING

The three-month research fellowship amounts to  $\notin$ 5,000 gross<sup>1</sup>. It can be renewed up to a maximum of 12 months, for a total amount of  $\notin$ 20,000 gross.

The fellowship will be co-funded as follows: 50% by the Central Administration, which will make the funding available to the host Division, and 50% by the host Department/Centre of the University of Padua. The host division may increase its co-funding portion on the basis of its own assessment and availability. The specific payment methods will be communicated to the beneficiaries by the individual Departments/Centres.

#### 4. SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted from the date this announcement is published and until the funds are exhausted, they will be proposed by the Department/Centre of the University of Padua, which will host the scholar by exclusively using the online form available at <u>https://www.unipd.it/en/visiting-scholars</u>, to which the following documents, in PDF format, need to be attached:

- 1. Letter of acceptance by the Visiting Scholar;
- 2. Self-certification by Ukrainian scholars (under points 1a and 1b) or documentation of status (under points 1c and 1d);
- 3. Curriculum Vitae of the Visiting Scholar;
- 4. Description of the research activities and the length of the proposed stay in months;
- 5. Resolution of the Council or Decree of the Director of the Department/Centre of the host university, approving the application and determining the budget made available; in the case of several applications, indicate the priority and confirm the commitment to pay 50% of the amount of each grant.

#### 5. SELECTION CRITERIA AND METHOD

Applications meeting the above requirements will be automatically accepted until the available co-funding is exhausted.

#### 6. POLICY ON PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

The personal data collected will be processed in accordance with the principles and provisions of the European Regulation on the Protection of Personal Data (2016/679) and, in any case, exclusively for the purposes of managing the selection procedure. For more information, see: http://www.unipd.it/privacy.

### 7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

<sup>1</sup>The fellowship amount is treated as income derived from employment under article 50(1)(c) of the Italian Consolidated Law on Income Tax (TUIR). Taxation will vary based on the number of months the fellowship lasts. In any case, up to  $\in$ 6,000 per year, the working person pays no tax; above  $\in$ 6,000 and up to  $\in$ 15,000 per year, Italian personal income tax (IRPEF) of 23% will apply and tax deductions at the full, minimum amount unrelated to the period worked of  $\in$ 1,380 will be recognized. Above  $\in$ 15,000 per year, the IRPEF rate is 25% and ordinary tax deductions will be recognized in relation to the period worked.



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### 8. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE AND FOR INFORMATION

The person in charge of the administrative procedure is Dr. Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni, Head of the International Relations Area.

This notice for applications, including the annexes, and the results of the selection procedure will be available from the University website at <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/visiting-scholars">https://www.unipd.it/en/visiting-scholars</a> (publication will be the only means of publicity, no personal communication will be made, not in writing nor by telephone).

For further information, contact the Global Engagement Office, e-mail <u>unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it</u>, tel. (+39) 049 827 6206.

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