

“Shaping a World-class University”

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - YEAR 2022 ed.2

OBJECTIVES

In line with the 2016-21 Strategic Guidelines, the University of Padua continues to promote and renew a strategy of global internationalisation, with the aim of making study courses open and innovative international learning environments while at the same time increasing the visibility, attractiveness and reputation of the University for an ever better positioning in international rankings.

The University intends to foster internationalisation, by supporting virtual and blended initiatives aimed at the innovation and digitalisation of curricular activities; promoting the University.

TYPES OF PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Within these areas of intervention, the University is publishing a Call for Proposals for a total of **EUR 350,000.00** to support the following specific initiatives:

	Project type / specific initiatives	Budget/Project (max)	Tot Budget (max)
1. INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM	1.1. Short-term visiting professors (virtual, blended or face-to-face activity)	2,500.00 €	54.690,00 €
	1.2 Virtual & Collaborative programmes (virtual teaching initiatives)		
	1.3 Support for the development of structured mobility programmes (credit or degree)		
2. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT	2.1 Virtual development cooperation activities (virtual or face-to-face activity)	2,000.00 €	

Funded activities shall take place from 1 January to 30 November 2023.

Funding from the International Relations Division will be made available to the relevant Department in a single instalment before the project starts. The Department manages the administrative and accounting aspects. Co-funding of projects is permitted, either through Department/Centre funds of the University or external bodies.

Within 30 days from completion of the activities, a final report will be requested, including a description of the activities and the results, a plan for the distribution and enhancement of the results, and a longer-term perspective on the development of the activities. If the final report is not submitted within 30 days from completion of the activities, the funding made available by the International Relations Area must be refunded in full.

The objectives, details and specific requirements relating to the different types of projects eligible for funding are established by the data sheets of the macro-areas of intervention, attached to this Call for Proposals (Annexes 1-2-3-4).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be submitted **no later than 1:00 pm on 30 November 2022**, exclusively by filling in the on-line form available on the web page <https://www.unipd.it/shaping-world-class-university> to which the following documents in PDF format should be attached:

1. Project proposal
2. Requested budget
3. Resolution of the Board or Decree of the Director of the Department/Centre of the applicant/relevant University, approving the proposal and confirming that the administrative-accounting aspects of the project will be managed; in case of more than one application, please indicate the priority in order to assist the Commission's selection
4. Any other document required for the different types of project, as specified by the attached data sheets

In the case of co-funding, the application must be accompanied by a letter of commitment of the applicant/relevant University Department/Centre (Board Resolution or Director's Decree) or the external funding Organisation (dated and signed letter of commitment).

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The selection will be made by a Commission appointed by the Rector, who will examine each proposal and allocate the contributions on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance of the project with respect to the internationalisation goals of the University and Department/Centre
- Quality of the proposed project
- Quality of the partner(s) involved and international importance of the proposal
- Impact and dissemination of results

Priority will be given to proposals from lecturers who have not already received funding under the Calls for Proposals 'Shaping a World Class University' 2021 (ed. 1 and 2) e 2022 (ed.1). Any additional specific requirements and priority criteria for selection are provided by the data sheets attached to this Call for Proposals.

The presence of co-funding by the applicant/relevant Department and/or external organisations of the University will be considered as added value of the project, and an indicator of the commitment of the parties involved and demonstration of the feasibility and concrete significance of the project.

The Commission reserves the right to award lower funding than that requested.

Selections will take into account a general criterion of diversification of the projects both in terms of the disciplinary context and type, in order to encourage a variety of activities as wide as possible.

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE AND INFORMATION

The person in charge of the administrative procedure is Ms. Alessandra Gallerano, Head of the Projects and Mobility Office.

This Call for Proposals, including the annexes, and the results of the selection will be published on the University website on the page <https://www.unipd.it/shaping-world-class-university>.

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Padua,

The Rector
Prof. Daniela Mapelli

ANNEX 1

Macro-area of intervention: 1. INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM

Type of project: 1.1. Short-term Visiting Professors

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Enriching and internationalising the University's courses through the contribution of foreign teachers/experts with high level scientific/professional qualifications for innovative, virtual, blended or face-to-face seminar activities.

2. TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECTS

- a. Contents: include virtual, blended or face-to-face seminar activities, that are particularly innovative or involve avant-garde topics, in Degree Courses, single-cycle and master's degrees, or PhD courses
- b. Duration of activity: minimum 4 - maximum 8 hours/week
- c. Recipients: teachers, researchers or experts with proven scientific/professional qualifications, belonging to a foreign University, Institution, Organisation or Company, who in the three years prior to the deadline of the Call for Proposals have not resided or carried out their main activity in Italy for more than twelve months, even if not consecutive
- d. The flat-rate contribution allocated is intended as gross of all taxes, and social security contributions, provided by the current national law

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a. Applicant: Lecturer in charge
- b. Submission procedure: only 1 application per applicant, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department, may be submitted

4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PRIORITIES

- a. Priorities:
 - Lecturers/experts from partner institutions in the networks/alliances of particular importance for the University: ARQUS, COIMBRA GROUP, UNIMED, T.I.M.E., VIU, etc.
 - Importance of seminar activities in the curriculum

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THE APPLICATION

- a. Letter of acceptance by the Visiting Professor;
- b. Curriculum Vitae of the Visiting Professor including bibliometric indicators;
- c. Description of seminar activities.

ANNEX 2

Macro-area of intervention: 1. INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM

Project type: 1.2 Virtual & Collaborative programmes

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Enrich, internationalise and make more accessible and inclusive the University's courses through innovative activities, organised and offered in a virtual, collaborative and creative manner, to develop high quality learning environments.

2. TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECTS

- a. Contents: virtual initiatives, organised and offered as new stand-alone activities/modules, included in existing teaching courses, or whose purpose is to improve the quality of the Study Course as a whole (Bachelor's degree, Master's Degree, single cycle Master's degree, PhD). The proposed activities should be characterised by a strong spirit of collaboration and should actively involve participants.

Said initiatives may take place at different stages of the courses and have different purposes:

- INDUCTION: (i) creation of introductory modules to courses or other ways of supporting students to adapt their background in terms of knowledge and the initial skills required to complete the Study Course successfully; (ii) guidance, information on the educational environment, reception, inter-cultural and networking activities to support the integration of students at the start of their study programme;
- CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT: (i) Develop joint theme modules, preferably with credits (min 3 ECTS) with international partners; (ii) initiatives to enhance the transversal skills of students (*project management, creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, leadership, entrepreneurship* and personal enhancement, etc.); (iii) initiatives to virtualise laboratory activities;
- NETWORKING & PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT: activities to create a network of relationships to support of the Degree Course, among Alumni and with the economic-social and research fabric, in order to promote links with the labour world (testimonials from professionals/companies/Alumni), participation and professional integration of graduates.
- QUALITY & MANAGEMENT: any other initiative whose purpose is to improve the organisation, efficiency and quality of Degree Courses, involving the teaching and technical-administrative staff: exchange of good practices and implementation of joint activities in double degrees/joint programmes above all in terms physical mobility (*Staff Exchange*).

- b. Duration of project: at least 5 days, continuous or over several periods of the academic year.
- c. Recipients: teachers, students (Bachelor, Master, single-cycle Master, PhD), academic and administrative staff
- d. Other specific requirements:
- Organisation of activities for groups of students of different nationality, scientific and cultural backgrounds,
 - Involvement of at least one international partner in the project

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a. Applicant: Lecturer in charge, Course President or Lecturer in charge of the Double Degree /Joint Programme
- b. Submission procedure: only 1 application per applicant, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department, may be submitted

4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PRIORITIES

The following will be considered as added value to the project:

- Provision of credits (at least 3 ECTS) to participating students for activities in the type CURRICULM ENHANCEMENT
- Use of virtual exchange methodology (<https://www.unipd.it/erasmus-virtual-exchange>)
- Use of the 'Challenge Based Learning' approach (<https://www.challengebasedlearning.org/>)
- Making the teaching modules developed freely available to the academic community as a whole

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THE APPLICATION

Any other documentation that demonstrates the quality of the project: letters of intent from partners, CVs of teachers/professionals involved in the project, etc.

ANNEX 3

Macro-area of intervention: 1. INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM

Type of project: 1.3. Support for the development of structured mobility programmes (credit or degree)

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To support academics to develop new structured mobility programmes for credits (*mobility windows*) or joint programmes aiming at awarding double degrees / joint degrees, so to enrich and expand the international courses of our University.

2. TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECTS

- a. Contents: Projects whose purpose is to develop a structured mobility programme for credits (*mobility windows*) or joint programmes (double degrees / joint degrees) with one or more partner universities (European and/or international). On completion of the project, the promoter must submit the double degrees / joint degrees / *mobility window* agreement at an advanced stage of negotiation.
- b. Project duration: N/A
- c. Eligible expenses:
 - Visits to the offices of the partner(s) to plan the course together (preparatory activities)
 - Tutoring to support the preparation of the course curriculum and/or preparatory teaching activities
 - Costs for communication / dissemination of results

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a. Applicant: Lecturer in charge, Course President or Lecturer in charge of the Double Degree /Joint Programme
- b. Submission procedure: only 1 application per applicant, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department, may be submitted

4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PRIORITIES

Priorities:

- Partner institutions with previous cooperation (e.g. Erasmus+ study agreements, joint publications, etc.)
- Partner institutions within networks/alliances of particular importance for the University: ARQUS, COIMBRA GROUP, UNIMED, T.I.M.E., VIU, strategic partners (Université de Lausanne; University of St. Andrews; Monash University)
- Departments with little or no experience with double / joint degrees
- Departments with a small number of students who participate in international mobility programmes

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THE APPLICATION

Any other documentation that demonstrates the quality of the project: letters of intent from partners, CVs of teachers/professionals involved in the project, etc.

ANNEX 5

Macro-area of intervention: 2. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Type of project: 2.1. Development cooperation activities (virtual or face-to-face activity)

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

In order to meet the epochal challenges that the 2030 Agenda has set with its 17 goals, the University of Padua is funding projects that aim at attaining sustainable development in environmental, social and economic fields.

The Actions:

Development cooperation and capacity building activities, to be carried out virtually or face-to-face, that fall under one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>).

2. TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECTS

Cooperation projects with academic institutions, research bodies or public or private no-profit organisations based in the Countries indicated below as 'Eligible countries', are admissible.

Eligible activities:

- a) Research activities and dissemination of results (at UNIPD or the partner institution);
- b) Teaching activities (courses and seminars at UNIPD or at the partner institution);
- c) Laboratories

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a. Applicant: Lecturer in charge
- b. Submission procedure: only 1 application per applicant, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department, may be submitted
- c. Certificate of cooperation by the foreign partner;
- d. Any other documentation considered to be useful.
- e. Eligible expenses: travel expenses from/to eligible partner countries; short scholarships at UniPD for professors/researchers from partner countries (where applicable), expenses for publications, dissemination of results, etc.

4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PRIORITIES

- Impact of the initiative on the internationalisation process of the University and consistency with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Adequacy of the budgeted expenses with respect to the activities planned.

5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THE APPLICATION

Any other documentation that is considered to be useful to demonstrate the quality of the project: letter of support from the partner institution(s); letter of invitation/acceptance of foreign lecturers or professional partners, etc.

Eligible countries

Least Developed Countries	Low Income Countries which are not LDCs	Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories which are not LDCs	Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories which are not LDCs
Afghanistan	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Algeria	Albania
Angola	Syrian Arab Republic	Belize	Argentina
Bangladesh		Bolivia	Armenia
Benin		Cape Verde	Azerbaijan
Bhutan		Cameroon	Belarus
Burkina Faso		Congo	Belarus
Burundi		Côte d'Ivoire	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Cambodia		Egypt	Botswana
Central African Republic		El Salvador	Brazil
Chad		Eswatini	Colombia
Comoros		Ghana	Costa Rica
Democratic Republic of the Congo		Honduras	Cuba
Djibouti		India	Dominica
Eritrea		Indonesia	Dominican Republic
Ethiopia		Iran	Ecuador
Gambia		Kenya	Equatorial Guinea
Guinea		Kyrgyzstan	Fiji
Guinea-Bissau		Micronesia	Gabon
Haiti		Mongolia	Georgia
Kiribati		Morocco	Grenada
Lao People's Democratic Republic		Nicaragua	Guatemala
Lesotho		Nigeria	Guyana
Liberia		Pakistan	Iraq
Madagascar		Papua New Guinea	Jamaica
Malawi		Philippines	Jordan
Mali		Samoa	Kazakhstan
Mauritania		Sri Lanka	Kosovo
Mozambique		Tunisia	Lebanon
Myanmar		Ukraine	Libya
Nepal		Uzbekistan	Malaysia
Niger		Vanuatu	Maldives
Rwanda		Vietnam	Marshall islands
Sao Tome and Principe		West Bank and Gaza Strip	Mauritius
Senegal		Zimbabwe	Mexico
			Moldova

Sierra Leone			Montenegro
Solomon islands			Montserrat
Somalia			Namibia
South Sudan			Nauru
Sudan			Niue
Tanzania			North Macedonia
Timor-Leste			Panama
Togo			Paraguay
Tuvalu			Peru
Uganda			Saint-Helena
Yemen			Saint Lucia
Zambia			Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
			Serbia
			South Africa
			Suriname
			Thailand
			Tonga
			Turkey
			Turkmenistan
			Venezuela
			Wallis and Futuna