

"Shaping a World-class University"

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - YEAR 2023

OBJECTIVES

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 even better placement 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, as well as other face-to-face initiatives during its summer & winter schools; and supporting the development of structured mobility programmes and/or other activities of particular importance¹.

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. CURRICULUM INTERNATIONALISATION	1.1. Short-term visiting professors (virtual or face-to-face activity)	2.500,00 € face-to-face activity and non resident in UE 1.500,00 € face-to-face activities and resident in UE 500,00 € virtual activity	350.000,00 €
	1.2 Virtual & Collaborative programmes (2.500,00 €	
	1.3 Support for the development of structured mobility programmes (credit or degree)	2.500,00 €	
	1.4. Virtual Summer & Winter Schools	5.000,00 €	
	1.5 Blended & Face-to-face Summer & Winter Schools	10.000,00 €	
2. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION	2.1 Development cooperation activities (virtual or face-to-face activity)	2.500,00 € face-to-face activity 500,00 € virtual activity	

¹ Face-to-face activities will be authorised in compliance with the regulations in force, while monitoring the global pandemic and socio-political context at all times.

Funded activities shall take place from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.

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 long-term perspective on the development of the activities. If the final report is not submitted within 30 days from completion of the activities and in any case not later than 30 June 2024, the funding made available by the International Relations Area must be refunded in full.

The objectives, details and specific requirements related to 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 1-2-3-4-5).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted **no later than on 27 April 2023 at 2:00 pm**, solely 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 must be attached:

1. Project proposal
2. Prediction of the 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, it's mandatory to 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).

If the selection process has been completed and there are remaining funds, **a second call will be published with a deadline of 31 October 2023 at 2.00 pm, for activities to be carried out by 31 July 2024.**

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 and 2022 and to projects involving partner universities of the Arqus Alliance.

Any additional specific requirements and priority criteria for selection are provided by the data sheets attached to this Call for Proposals.

The presence of a 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 practical importance of the project.

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

Selections will take into account a general criteria 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. Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni, Head of the International Relations Division.

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. CURRICULUM INTERNATIONALISATION

Type of project: 1.1. Short-term Visiting Professors

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Enrich and internationalise 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 cutting-edge 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 may be submitted, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department.

4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PRIORITIES

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 introduction 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 nationalities, 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 may be submitted, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department.

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 CURRICULUM 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.

6. TRAINING IN 'VIRTUAL EXCHANGE' METHODOLOGY

Teachers proposing 'Virtual & Collaborative programmes' projects to be funded under this call will be offered the opportunity to attend a specific training course on the 'Virtual Exchange' methodology.

ANNEX 3

Macro-area of intervention: 1. CURRICULUM INTERNATIONALISATION

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

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To support lecturers 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 partner's offices 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 4

Macro-area of intervention: 1. CURRICULUM INTERNATIONALISATION

Type of projects: 1.4. Virtual Summer & Winter Schools

1.5. Blended & Face-to-face Summer & Winter Schools

1. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To support innovative short-term projects whose purpose is to enhance educational opportunities, both in the field of research and teaching, through virtual, blended or face-to-face courses in Padua or neighbouring regions. The project must be of international importance and is open to any geographical area.

2. TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECTS

- a. Contents: brief, high-quality intensive courses, organised either virtual, blended or face-to-face. Activities may focus on specific subjects or the development of “transversal skills” (e.g. intercultural skills, interpersonal and collaborative skills, teamwork, project management and creative thinking, problem-solving approach, etc.). If addressed to first cycle students, courses may be structured as a ‘preparatory’ activity for an international LM course or as a ‘presentation’ of the course (*Summer Term*). Courses may be organised in cooperation with partner institutions. University credits may be awarded, as established by the relevant University curriculum;
- b. Project duration: at least 1 week;
- c. Recipients: first, second and third cycle students, young researchers, professionals and public or private employees, both Italian and international;
- d. Teaching methods: (i) Face-to-face, with analysis of case studies or working groups, workshops, exercises, seminars, laboratory activities and visits for a total of at least six hours of learning a day; (ii) Blended - Combination of face-to-face and virtual teaching; (iii) Virtual - using innovative digital technologies and methodologies.
- e. For face-to-face Schools only: accommodation must be provided for teachers and students at clearly identified facilities during the course.

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. Specific requirements:
 - Presence of lecturers from foreign institutions
 - Minimum number of participants: 20
- b. Priorities:
 - Initiatives structured according to *virtual exchange* approach, that encourages constructive and structured interaction between individuals or groups, with the support of digital technology
 - Use of the 'Challenge Based Learning' approach (<https://www.challengebasedlearning.org/>)
 - Participation of international partners is an added value
 - The participation of professional partners is an added value to the project

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.

ANNEX 5

Macro-area of intervention: 2. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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 Expected 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 non-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) Laboratory activities.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- a. Applicant: Lecturer in charge;
- b. Submission procedure: only 1 application per applicant may be submitted, including the resolution of the Department Council or decree of the Director of the relevant Department;
- 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 in comparison with 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	Angola	Albania
Bangladesh	Zimbabwe	Armenia	Algeria
Benin		Bolivia	Antigua and Barbuda
Bhutan		Cape Verde	Argentina
Burkina Faso		Cameroon	Azerbaijan
Burundi		Congo	Belize
Cambodia		Côte d'Ivoire	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Central African Republic		El Salvador	Botswana
Chad		Eswatini	Brazil
Comoros		Georgia	Colombia
Democratic Republic of the Congo		Ghana	Costa Rica
Djibouti		Guatemala	Cuba
Eritrea		Honduras	Dominica
Ethiopia		India	Dominican Republic
Gambia		Indonesia	Ecuador
Guinea		Jordan	Fiji
Guinea-Bissau		Kosovo	Gabon
Kiribati		Kyrgyzstan	Grenada
Lao People's Democratic Republic		Micronesia	Guyana
Lesotho		Moldova	Iran
Liberia		Mongolia	Iraq
Madagascar		Morocco	Jamaica
Malawi		Nicaragua	Kazakhstan
Mali		Nigeria	Lebanon
Mauritania		Pakistan	Libya
Mozambique		Papua New Guinea	Malaysia
Myanmar		Philippines	Maldives
Nepal		Sri Lanka	Marshall islands
Niger		Syrian Arab Republic	Mauritius
Rwanda		Tajikistan	Mexico
Sao Tome and Principe		Tokelau	Montenegro
Senegal		Tunisia	Montserrat
Sierra Leone		Ukraine	Namibia



Solomon islands		Uzbekistan	Nauru
Somalia		Vanuatu	Niue
South Sudan		Vietnam	North Macedonia
Sudan		West Bank and Gaza Strip	Palau
Tanzania			Panama
Timor-Leste			Paraguay
Togo			Peru
Tuvalu			Saint-Helena
Uganda			Saint Lucia
Yemen			Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Zambia			Samoa
			Serbia
			South Africa
			Suriname
			Thailand
			Tonga
			Turkey
			Turkmenistan
			Venezuela
			Wallis and Futuna