CALL FOR VISITING SCIENTISTS – YEAR 2019

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

Visiting Scientists will carry out their activities 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 will begin after the publication of the results of the call and must end by 31 December 2019.

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

The scholarship will be funded 50% by the International Office and the remaining 50% by the hosting Department or by third parties. The host structure may increase its co-financing share on the basis of their own assessments and availability.

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 must be submitted by December 7 2018, by Professors or Researchers of the University of Padova, who will be the referents of the Visiting Scientist at 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. Acceptance letter/e-mail by the international scholar invited;
3. Curriculum Vitae of the international scholar;
4. Official approval by the hosting Department Council (or Confirmation Letter by the Head of Department) where the application is approved. In case of more proposals from the same Department, the priority must be indicated.
5. 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).

Each professor may submit only one application.

Applications will be assessed by a University Committee appointed by the Rector, who will review the proposals according to the following award criteria:
• international scholar curriculum;
• relevance of the scientific production;
• joint publications that have already been published or are still being designed
• coherence of the proposed activity with the scientific activities of the host Department;
• impact of the international scholar's work plan on the local scientific community;
• funding received by the inviting professors in the previous calls.
• if the Visiting belongs to an institution with which the University already has agreements (of cooperation / exchange) or which is still functional for the conclusion of future agreements, this will be considered as a preferential condition.

The Committee reserves the right to assign a lower number of scholarships than the available funding if the applications do not meet the requirements of excellence.
The Committee reserves the right to change the number and duration of the scholarships.
The Committee may also decide to increase the number of scholarships in case of additional financial resources.

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), by 28/02/2020. Failure to submit timely reports will cause the recovery of the entire funding made available by the International Office.

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

For further information refer to: fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it; International Office phone: +39 049 8271248

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