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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A VISITING FELLOWSHIP POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024
"Umberto Eco" International Centre for Humanistic Studies
Institute of Advanced Studies**

Introduction

The "Umberto Eco" International Centre for Humanistic Studies of the Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna (hereinafter, "CUE" or the "Centre") and the Institute of Advanced Studies (hereinafter, "ISA" or the "Institute"), with the financial contribution of the Collegio Superiore of the University of Bologna - funds granted by the Italian Ministry of University and Research with Min. Decree 231/2023 - in order to foster the internationalization and interdisciplinary focus of both scientific research and doctoral teaching at the University of Bologna, **offer no.1 Visiting Fellowship**.

In particular, the fellowship shall allow for fruitful interaction between the invited foreign scholar and teachers/researchers/PhD students at the University of Bologna.

Art. 1 - Benefits

The Visiting Fellow will:

- be entitled to a gross lump-sum of EUR 5,000.00;
- be entitled to the use of an equipped office at CUE, Via Marsala 26, Bologna, and membership in the ISA community;
- have access to the IT heritage and resources of CUE and of the University's libraries.

<https://www.unibo.it/en/study/life-at-university-and-in-the-city/libraries-digital-resources-and-study-rooms/libraries-digital-resources-and-study-rooms>

The envisaged payment shall be inclusive of taxes to be borne by the recipient.

The exact amount of the lump-sum fee depends on any request to apply treaties for the avoidance of double taxation.

Art. 2 - Visiting Fellow at the 'Umberto Eco' International Centre for Humanistic Studies and the Institute of Advanced Studies

The selected Visiting Fellow selected will be involved in the following teaching and dissemination activities during his/her period at the University of Bologna:

- i) **one** "Umberto Eco Lecture", in Italian or English, focusing in particular on a theme tackled by Umberto Eco in his works, related to semiotics, cognitive semiotics and the nature of the sign, addressed to undergraduates and PhD students at the University of Bologna;
- ii) **one** 'ISA Lecture', in English, from an educational and interdisciplinary perspective. Bear in mind that the Lecture should be suitable for an educated, non-expert audience and should aim to pique the interest of people belonging to different fields;



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- iii) **two** seminars lasting three hours each, in Italian or English, on the Fellow's research activity, with a strong focus on interdisciplinary and mainly addressed to PhD students of the University of Bologna and students of every cycle degree at the Collegio Superiore.

Art. 3 – Applications

International teachers or researchers who hold a fixed-term or permanent active position at an international university or research institution and who will maintain such condition for the entire period of the Fellowship may submit applications.

Art. 4 – Duration of the Fellowship

The duration of the Fellowship can last **minimum 1 month to maximum of 2 months in the period from September to December 2024.**

The Fellowship period must be continuative and without interruptions.

Art. 5 – Application procedure

Applications and the required documentation must be uploaded no later **than June 10, 2024, 12:00 noon**, at the following link <https://personale.unibo.it>, after clicking on "Register" in the "Users without credentials @unibo.it" section. Click on "Announcement", "Visiting Researcher Fellowship", "**Call for the selection of one Visiting Fellow at the "Umberto Eco" International Center for Humanistic Studies and the Institute of Advanced Studies**", and follow the guided procedure.

The application must be uploaded online; any documents submitted by other means will not be accepted.

The following information must be included with the application (**in English**):

- Personal and academic information of the applicant;
- A scanned copy of the applicant's valid identity document or passport;
- *Curriculum vitae et studiorum* (1 A4-sized file);
- List of the applicant's publications covering the last 5 years;
- Titles of the 'Umberto Eco Lecture', the 'ISA Lecture' and the two seminars for PhD students and students of the Collegio Superiore (*Title field*);
- Abstracts (in English) of the 'Umberto Eco Lecture', the 'ISA Lecture' and the two seminars for PhD students and students of the Collegio Superiore (4500 characters including spaces - *Abstract field*);
- Preferred and second choice period of stay.

NOTE: the online procedure does not allow the intermediate saving if all text fields are not filled. Make sure to have all requested documents and data when uploading your application.

At the end of the upload, you can save the application for possible future modification or send it directly. In this latter case, the application will no longer be modifiable.

The application must be submitted before the deadline. Any applications saved but not sent will not be considered.

Art. 6 – Drawing up the ranking list

Applications will be evaluated by a Commission appointed by the President of the Bologna University Library in agreement with the CUE and ISA Directors.



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The Commission will select the best application and determine the final ranking list.

The selection criteria are as follows:

1. Scientific title, interdisciplinary research experience and international profile of the candidate (documented by publications or participation in research groups - max. 60 points);
2. Membership in a high-profile scientific institution (max. 10 points);
3. Plan of activities during the work period at CUE and ISA, and relevance of the fellowship for the Centre and the Institute (max. 30 points).

Only applications with at least 70/100 points will be selected.

The Commission reserves the right to select a smaller number of candidates if the applications submitted do not meet the expected requirements.

The results of the selection will be communicated by publication on the Portale Bandi <https://bandi.unibo.it/docenti/visiting-fellows>

Art.7 - Acceptance of the Fellowship

The selected Visiting Fellow must formally accept the Fellowship **within 10 days after receiving formal communication** by sending an email to bub.segreteria-cue@unibo.it

In the event of waiving the fellowship, or if no reply is received within the above-mentioned deadline, CUE and ISA will offer the Fellowship to the next fellow on the shortlist.

No exceptions will be allowed.

Art. 8 – Accreditation

The Visiting Fellow's accreditation and the application for a badge are performed by the CUE.

Art. 9 – Rules for staying in Italy

The Visiting Fellow's entry and residence in Italy is regulated in accordance with Italian law and the directives of the local authorities. If an entry visa is required, the International Desk of the University of Bologna (ases.visiting@unibo.it) will provide the necessary information and support the Visiting Fellow in order to obtain the correct entry visa required for receiving the lump-sum compensation indicated in Art.1.

Art. 10 – Insurance cover

The premium for accident and civil liability insurance cover (called 'RCT' in Italy) is also included in the fee. The RCT policy is limited to activities carried out within the university's facilities.

Visiting Fellows are required to obtain appropriate medical, accident and civil liability insurance, as established by University regulations.

Art.11 - Accommodation expenses

The Centre and the Institute shall not cover accommodation expenses.

Art. 12 – Reception

Prof. Claudio Paolucci is responsible for organizing reception and assistance on arrival.

Welcoming and assistance upon arrival are provided by Prof. Claudio Paolucci.



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Art. 13 – Compensation payment

The lump-sum compensation referred to in Art. 1 will be paid after the activities referred to in Art. 2 have been carried out and upon submitting the required documentation, duly completed and signed. Payment of the compensation shall not be guaranteed if the complete documentation required is not handed in to the CUE administration office.

Art. 14

This selection notice may be consulted for the entire period of the call for applications at <https://bandi.unibo.it/docenti/visiting-fellows>, in the *Latest Updates* section of www.isa.unibo.it and at <https://cue.unibo.it/it/dimensione-internazionale/visiting-fellows>

President of the
Bologna University Library
(signed Prof. Francesco Citti)

PROCEDURE SUPERVISOR

The Procedure Supervisor is: Elisabetta De Toma

Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the documents concerning the selection pursuant to the regulations in force. Please send your request to bub.segreteria-cue@unibo.it

Pursuant to Article 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016), candidates are informed that any personal data provided to or in any case obtained by Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna will be processed for the purposes of launching this call for applications and managing the related activities. For further information, please visit the University website www.unibo.it/privacy, and specifically the privacy policy statement for participants in the University's competitive selection procedures.

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