

Call for the selection of students for extra-EU mobility within the project 'Bōsai and climate change: Learning from disaster experiences for disaster risk reduction in Japan and Italy' - ref: dott.ssa Annaclaudia Martini.

DEADLINE: 27/06/2025 at 12:00

Art. 1 - Aims and object of the selection

A call for applications is launched for the assignment of no. 5 places for extra-EU mobility within the project 'Bōsai and climate change: Learning from disaster experiences for disaster risk reduction in Japan and Italy'.

The project consists of the creation of innovative teaching actions through the study of bōsai (disaster risk reduction) practices in Tohoku, Japan and Bologna. The project has a pedagogical objective: Italian students and staff members will visit Tōhoku to meet with residents, disseminators and experts, learning about Japanese disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategies, as well as traditional local knowledge and landscape management. The project aims at the realisation of the following objectives:

1. Fostering cross-cultural understanding of climate change and resilience in an interdisciplinary environment;
2. Showing Italian staff and students how Tohoku communities are implementing resilient and sustainable practices;
3. Comparing and applying Japanese disaster risk reduction discourses and practices with Italian ones;
4. Create, with the collaboration of the students, a tool (serious game, critical map or other) that can be used as a pedagogical aid to discuss disaster risk reduction.

Through activities focusing on these objectives, the project aims to establish an intercultural dialogue and to promote Japanese studies abroad, offering selected Italian students and DiSCi staff an in-depth knowledge of the discourses and practices implemented by Japan on the pressing issue of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in facing climate change.

Art. 2 - Period and duration of mobility

The mobility will take place from 05/03/2026 to 16/03/2026, together with Dr Annaclaudia Martini, project coordinator. Selected male and female students are required to commit to participating in the activities planned for the period abroad. For information of a scientific and educational nature please contact Dr Annaclaudia Martini by email: annaclaudia.martini@unibo.it.

Art. 3 - Participation requirements

Students may submit their applications from 03/06/2025 at 12:00 noon. Participation is open to students that are enrolled in the first and second year of the following degrees and degree courses at the University of Bologna:

- o Geography and territorial processes - code 0971;
- o Cultural anthropology and ethnology - code 0964;
- o Historical and oriental sciences - code 8845;
- o Global cultures - code 6033;
- o Archaeology and cultures of the ancient world - code 8855;

- Third-year students enrolled in the following degree courses at the University of Bologna:

- o Languages, markets and cultures of Asia and Mediterranean Africa - cod. 9264.

Participation is open exclusively to students in possession of a valid passport with a residual validity of at least 6 months after the planned exit date from the host country. Possession of the general admission requirements will be checked ex officio on the basis of the documentation referred to in art. 5 which will be submitted by applicants.

Art. 4 - Mobility Contribution

The maximum amount available for this initiative is € 9,200.00 (nine thousand two hundred/00), from the funds of the project 'Bōsai and climate change: Learning from disaster experiences for disaster risk reduction in Japan and Italy', to cover the return travel costs of the five selected students, purchased by the Department through a direct purchase procedure through the travel agency, accommodation and transport costs. Should the total expenditure to be financed amount to less than € 9,200.00, the remaining funds will be made available to the project. Eligible candidates who are not successful may apply to take part in the mobility action by taking advantage of the accommodation provided by the partner university and by personally covering their travel expenses, until the number of places available is exhausted.

Art. 5 - Application procedure

Applications for participation in the call for applications must be submitted no later than 27/06/2025 at 12:00 noon exclusively by accessing the 'Online Students' application.

It is advisable to submit the application no later than the closing date of the call for applications. To submit your application you must:

1. access www.studenti.unibo.it using your University credentials;
2. click on the 'Calls for applications' button;
3. select the Call for applications for the selection of students for extra-EU mobility within the project 'Bōsai and climate change: Learning from disaster experiences for disaster risk reduction in Japan and Italy.'. - ref: Dr Annaclaudia Martini;
4. proceed with the compilation of the data and attachments requested in the following paragraph.

Communications regarding the competition will be sent only to the institutional address of student @studio.unibo.it.

NB: The application is only valid if the student completes the above procedure by enclosing the required documents; it is not possible to send the application on paper or by e-mail to the offices.

The applicant must attach the following documents to the application:

- For students enrolled in the Degree in Asian and Mediterranean Languages, Markets and Cultures: self-certification of the examinations taken during the degree with the relative marks;
- For students enrolled in the Master's Degrees in Geography and Territorial Processes, Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Historical and Orientalist Sciences, Global Cultures, Archaeology and Cultures of the Ancient World: self-certification of the exams taken during the master's degree with relative marks;
- For students of the Master's Degrees in Geography and Territorial Processes, Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Historical and Orientalist Sciences, Global cultures, Archaeology and Cultures of the Ancient World: degree certificate with marks for individual examinations;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter;
- Valid passport with residual validity of at least 6 months after the date of planned exit from the host country;
- Any language certificates relating to the candidate's competence in English.

All documentation must be attached in PDF format only, dated and signed. For information and/or clarification on the competition notice, students may contact the offices by sending an email to disci.segreteria@unibo.it.

IMPORTANT: Applicants who submit an application incomplete with the required attachments will not be admitted to the competition. For assistance with the online application procedure, students may contact the computer support service by e-mail at: help.studentonline@unibo.it.

Art. 6 - Selection criteria

The evaluation of applications, expressed in thirtieths, will be carried out by the examining board as per art. 7 on the basis of the following criteria:

1. arithmetic mean of the examinations taken in the career (up to 10 points);
2. examinations and other educational activities (including dissertations) relating to the geographical area of Asia and Pacific (up to 10 points);
3. CV and motivational letter written in English in which the candidate highlights the reasons for his/her interest in participating in the initiative (up to 20 points).

The minimum score for eligibility is 21/30.

Art. 7 - Selection Committee

The selection will be carried out by a Committee appointed by the Department of History, and Cultures composed of:

- Dr. Annaclaudia Martini;
- Prof. Martina Tazzioli;
- Dr Michaela De Giglio;
- Dr. Antonio Gerardi (alternate member)

Art. 8 - Rankings and appointment of winners

The Evaluation Committee will draw up the merit list on the basis of the criteria indicated in art. 6. The ranking list will be approved by a decree of the Director indicating the winners. The ranking list will be published on the <https://bandi.unibo.it/> portal by 04/07/2025.

This publication shall constitute official notification to the candidates. In the event of a tied score, priority will be given according to the following criteria:

- disabled students, provided that they meet the requirements;

- younger age of the candidate
 - score obtained in the criterion 'arithmetic average of examinations taken in the career' art. 6
- point 1.

Art. 9 - Acceptance

By 12 noon on 09/07/2025 it will be necessary for the selected candidates to formally confirm their participation in the initiative by sending an email to disci.segreteria@unibo.it.

Art. 10 - Renunciation

In the event of renunciation by the winner(s), at the unquestionable discretion of the Commission, the places available for mobility may be made available to the successful candidates, according to the order of the ranking list.

Art. 11 - Processing of personal data

Information on the processing of personal data supplied with applications to participate in the call for applications is published on the University Portal at <https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/privacy-e-notelegali/privacy/treatment-of-personal-data>. The person in charge of the procedure is Dr Maria Carmela Cucurachi: maria.cucurachi@unibo.it