



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Call for selection 2026 Department of Economics “Visiting Scholars and PhD Students” - Department of Excellence Project

Art. 1

The Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna – Department of Economics (hereinafter, “DSE” or “Department”), in the framework of the Department of Excellence Project, funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), and with a view to fostering the internationalization of departmental research, adopted the present call, concerning Visiting positions for international Scholars and PhD Students, invited to carry out activities of dissemination of their knowledge, research methodology, and results. They will perform their activities within the Department facilities.

In particular, the *Visiting Scholars and the Visiting PhD students* shall allow a strong scientific interaction with Professors of the Department. This interaction shall be developed especially by means of the following activities:

1. joint organization of workshops or other events of scientific nature within the DSE research activities;
2. drafting joint scientific manuscripts to be published in international academic journals or in monographs, and collections targeted at an international academic audience;
3. participating in national and international competitive calls for funding together with other faculty members of the DSE;
4. giving seminars/lessons on their research activities which will be mainly addressed to graduate students and faculty members of the DSE.

Art. 2

The total amount for this call is € 39.070 to be distributed among four intakes as follows:

Intakes	Fund
1st intake	€ 13.023
2nd intake	€ 13.023
3rd intake	€ 13.023



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The funding allocated for Visiting Scholars and Visiting PhD students under this call is provided through:

- the Department's budget as part of the Department of Excellence Project, financed by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).
- other available Department's commercial or institutional funds, ensuring compliance with any associated reporting or regulatory requirements.

The Department of Excellence Project funds that are not assigned in one intake will be assigned in the following one. The funds not assigned after all intakes have taken place will be assigned in the following year.

Art. 3

The length of the stay shall be between 15 days and one year (see Art. 4). The stay shall be continuous so to achieve a fruitful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department.

Visiting Scholars and Visiting PhD Students will be entitled to either:

1. ask for the reimbursement of travel, transfer, health insurance and accommodation expenses. The Visiting Scholar/PhD Student will have to purchase his/her airplane ticket, get accommodation and a visa, if necessary. The Department will reimburse these costs (visa administrative costs excluded) once the proofs of payment have been submitted. If the period of stay is not continuous, the Department will still reimburse only one return air ticket;
2. receive all-inclusive compensation (see options in **attached file** for research, study or teaching activity). The compensation to be paid to the visiting Scholar shall be gross taxes and shall include any taxes applied to the recipient.
3. or receive a compensation and ask for a reimbursement of expenses.

The amount of the compensation and/or the budget for reimbursements will be decided by the committee and will vary according to the actual length of the stay.

Regardless of length of stay, for the first month, the gross amount can be increased by further € 1,000 (gross recipient).



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Art. 4

The application shall be sent via email to dse.segreteria@unibo.it and it will include the following documents:

1. a cover letter from a DSE's Professor/Researcher: *In the cover letter, the hosting faculty member must state whether they intend to fund the visit through Excellence Project funds, or whether they intend to fund or co-fund the visit using their own research funds.*
2. curriculum vitae
3. a scanned copy of a valid passport (or ID if EU/EEA/Swiss citizen);
4. a letter of intent stating the planned activities
5. the indication of the chosen period of stay
6. provisional budget (Annex A)

The application shall be sent within the following deadlines:

Intakes	Deadlines	Final List published	Mobility period	Payment
1° intake	January 26, 2026	February 4th, 2025	End date of the visiting period: January 31 st 2027	In case of reimbursement, the refund request must be submitted by February 28 th 2027. In case of all-inclusive compensation, the amount will be paid within 30 days of the end of the visiting period
2° intake	April 27th, 2026	May 6th, 2026	End date of the visiting period: April 30 th 2027	In case of reimbursement, the refund request must be submitted by May 31 st , 2027. In case of all-inclusive compensation, the amount will be paid within 30 days of the end of the visiting period.
3° intake	September 1st, 2026	September 10th, 2026	End date of the visiting period: August 30 th 2027	In case of reimbursement, the refund request must



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				be submitted by September 30 th , 2027. In case of all-inclusive compensation, the amount will be paid within 30 days of the end of the visiting period.
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Art. 5

The applications will be evaluated by a Commission appointed by the Department Council. The Commission will be tasked with the selection of the best applications and the definition of the final visiting list. The selection criteria are the following:

1. scientific qualification and research experience of the candidate;
2. relevance of the research interests for the Department.

The Department reserves the right to select a lower number of candidates if the applications submitted do not satisfy the demanded excellence requirements.

Art. 6

Visiting Scholars and Visiting PhD students will be invited through a deliberation adopted by the Department Council. The deliberation will be published on the website <https://bandi.unibo.it/docenti/visitingfellows?str=dse> and the invitation will be formalized with a letter from the Head of the Department.

Art. 7

The Visiting Scholar/PhD Student entry and residence in Italy are regulated by the Italian laws and the local authorities' regulations. It is up to the Visiting to get a valid health insurance (or registration to the National Health Service) and to obtain the visa and all other authorisations, where necessary, to enter into Italy and carry out the activities as described in this call for applications.

For more information: <https://www.unibo.it/en/international/international-staff-professors-and-researchers/international-teaching-and-research-staff>

If the Visiting Scholar/PhD student is a non-EU citizen in need of a Researcher entry Visa, he/she will sign a Welcome Agreement (convenzione di accoglienza) with the Department.

With the Welcome agreement, the Department undertakes to reimburse the expenses for the Visiting Scholar's return journey to the country of origin and reimburse the costs of the health

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insurance policy for the Visiting Scholar and any family members reunited or their registration fee for the National Health Service.

Art. 8

The winning candidates to the present call will activate accidents and third-party liability insurance coverage (RCT). The RCT will be limited to the activities listed in the agreement concluded with the Department and taking place within its facilities.

Art. 9

Rules of University and Ethical Code of Behavior

The Visiting Scholar/Visiting PhD student undertakes to accept to be bound by and to comply with Unibo rules and policies, as they may be amended from time to time, and accept to uphold and apply in full the rules of the University Ethical Code of Behavior available on: www.unibo.it/codiceetico.

Confidentiality

The Visiting Scholar and the Visiting PhD student expressly undertakes, for the entire duration of the research period at the University and for five years following its end, not to disclose the Confidential Information and not to make it in any way accessible to third parties, as well as not to use in any way the Confidential Information for purposes other than those connected with the research activity carried out at the University of Bologna.

Confidential Information is any information, data or knowledge of a technical, scientific, commercial or financial nature, which has economic value as it is reserved, whatever the form of expression or the storage system, which has been communicated to the visiting researcher in the performance of the research programme of this call, even when not specifically and clearly qualified as "confidential" or "secrets".

Intellectual property

The Visiting Scholar/PhD Student expressly agree that all intellectual property rights (including, without limitation, inventions, patents, know-how, data, computer software, and copyright works) deriving from the activities will be assigned to University of Bologna if generated with Unibo funds, facilities or other Unibo resources or in the performance of Department collaboration or Department research or Department sponsored research.

Art. 10

At the end of his/her stay, the visiting Scholar/PhD student shall provide a final detailed report of the activities carried out.



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Art. 11

All aspects not regulated by the present call are subject to applicable legal, statutory and regulatory provisions.

Art. 12

Personal data collected are processed as described in the “Privacy policy for participants in the University's competitive selection procedures” available at: www.unibo.it/privacy

The information is published in compliance with art. 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Art. 13

Any dispute or claim arising out of, or in connection with this Call, it or its subject matter or formation, shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with Italian law and shall be submitted to exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Italy.

The Head of the
Department of Economics
Professor Carlotta Berti Ceroni

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Annex A

PROVISIONAL FLAT RATE BUDGET

Classification (according to the European Framework for Research Career)	Monthly gross amount	Demand
Leading Researcher (R4)	Between € 4.000 and € 9.000	€
Established Researcher (R3)	Between € 3.000 and € 7.000	€
Recognised Researcher (R2)	Between € 2.000 and € 5.000	€
First Stage Researcher (R1)	Between € 1.000 and € 3.000	€

Alternatively, please fill in the PROVISIONAL BUDGET

EXPENSES	
TRAVEL	€
ACCOMODATION	€
FOOD	€
LOCAL TRANSPORT	€
TAXI	€
OTHER	€
TOTAL	€

Please consider that, in case of Visiting Scholar/PhD Student coming from a non-UE country and needing a Researcher Visa, the Department undertakes to reimburse the expenses for the Visiting's return journey to the country of origin and the costs of the health insurance policy for the Visiting and any family members reunited or to arrange for their registration in the National Health Service.