



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA
DIPARTIMENTO DI FILOLOGIA CLASSICA
E ITALIANISTICA

Call for selection 2024

Visiting Fellows, Researchers and Visiting PhD Students

Departments of Excellence Initiative - 2nd edition 2023-2027

(L. 232 del 01/12/2016)

Art. 1 Definition

For the purposes of this call for applications:

- **Visiting Fellow** the scholars or experts, foreign or Italian, of appropriate scientific qualification from international foreign insitutions, who are entrusted with an assignment for research and/or teaching activities not included in the teaching programme.
- **Visiting Researcher** the scholars or experts, foreign or Italian, of appropriate scientific qualification from international foreign insitutions,who are assigned a research activity assignment.
- **Visiting PhD Students** the PhD students, foreign or Italian, enrolled at foreign universities, who are invited to FICLIT for a period of mobility.

Art. 2 - Purpose

The *Alma Mater Studiorum* – University of Bologna – Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies (hereafter, “FICLIT” or “Department”), in the framework of the Departments of Excellence Initiative – 2nd edition 2023-2027, promoted by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) (L.232 del 01/12/2016) with a view to fostering the internationalisation of departmental research, adopted the present call, concerning at least **n. 1 Visiting Fellow and/or Researcher** and at least **n. 1 Visiting PhD Student** from international foreign institutions invited to carry out research and/ or teaching activities within the Department’s facilities.

This program shall allow a strong scientific interaction between the foreign scholars invited and the

researchers of the Department with regard to the priorities identified in the Departments of Excellence Initiative, in Ficlit's research areas: Classical Philology (Greek, Latin, Christian and medieval); Modern Philology, Italian Studies and Romance Philology; Linguistics; Paleography, Archival, bibliographic and library sciences; Comparative Studies; Digital humanities).

This interaction shall be developed especially by means of the following activities: joint organization of seminars or other events of scientific nature within the FICLIT; drafting joint scientific manuscripts to be published in scientific international periodicals or collective volumes of international relevance; joint participation in calls for European and international projects. Selected *Visitings* shall also hold a seminar on their research activities which will be mainly addressed to PhD candidates, Research Fellows and Professors of the FICLIT.

Art. 3 – Beneficiaries

Visiting Fellows, Researchers and Visiting PhD Students from abroad may apply (i.e. who have obtained their doctoral degree abroad or have been carrying out research activities for at least one year at a qualified foreign institution) with the following qualifications

- R1 Scholars/PhD Students (First Stage Researcher - up to the point of PhD)
- R2 Research Fellows (Recognised Researcher - PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
- R3 Temporary Junior Researchers/Temporary Senior Researchers or equivalent (Established Researcher - researchers who have developed a level of independence)
- R4 Leading Researcher (researchers leading their research area or field)

In order to allow for country comparisons in terms of functions and experience levels, the concept of specific career stages was introduced according to the four career stages outlined and defined in the European Commission's communication "Towards a European Framework for Research Careers".

<https://www.more-4.eu/indicator-tool/career-stages-r1-to-r4>.

Art. 4 - Duration

The length of the stay or collaboration shall range from a minimum of 30 to a maximum of 60 days during the period from March 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2024. The period of stay or collaboration shall be continuous so as to achieve a successful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department.

Art. 5 – Remuneration

The total budget available for the Visiting Fellows/Researchers/PhD Students program is EUR 15,000.

Tab.1 Monthly gross salary

Monthly gross amount			UNA TANTUM
Job title (according to the European Framework for Research Career)	Research activity only (Visiting Researcher or PhD Student)	+ Teaching activity (Visiting Fellow) *	+ <i>una tantum</i> reimbursement for extra UE travel expenses (Not applicable for UK travel expenses)
R1	€ 3,000	Not included/not required	€ 1,000
R2	€ 3,200	€ 3,700	€ 800
R3	€ 3,500	€ 4,000	€ 600
R4	€ 4,000	€ 4,500	€ 500

*Teaching activity is only for Visiting Fellows.

Each **Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student** will be entitled to:

- receive compensation or alternatively a reimbursement of expenses incurred to cover travel, board and lodging costs for the total amount defined in the table above (Tab. 1). The amount will vary depending on the actual duration of the stay.
- The reimbursement is tax free, but original receipts of incurred expenses are required. The compensation will be subject to regular taxation according to national laws and internal rules;
- be provided with a fully equipped office space, in via Zamboni 32, Bologna (<http://www.ficlit.unibo.it/it>);
- access the items and IT resources of the FICLIT and the “EZIO RAIMONDI” Humanistic Library (<http://www.ficlit.unibo.it/it/biblioteca>).

Art. 6 – Publication of the call and application submission

The present call for selection will be available in the section “Call for application” of the website:

<https://bandi.unibo.it/?str=ficlit>

The application shall include all required documents and shall be uploaded by the candidates by December 18th 2023 at 12:00 PM (Italian time) on the [online platform](#).

The application shall be submitted exclusively online. Applications received in different ways will not be considered valid. The application shall include:

1. personal and professional data of the Visiting Researcher/PhD student;
2. a reference letter from a Professor/Researcher of the Department, including a short scientific biography of the Visiting Researcher/PhD Student;
3. the reasons concerning the decision to conduct a research stay in Bologna, Fellows/Researchers/PhD Students of the FICLIT with whom the applicant intends to collaborate, research activities to carry out, methodology and expected results;
4. an indication of both the chosen period of stay and an alternative option (also within September 30th 2024);
5. a scanned copy of the Visiting Researcher's/PhD student's currently valid passport (or other identity document);
6. Visiting Researcher's/PhD Student's *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and list of publications (last 5 years);
title and abstract of the seminar that the Visiting (both Researcher, Fellow and PhD Student) will hold for FICLIT doctoral students, fellows and researchers.

Art. 7 – Award criteria

The applications will be evaluated by QA Committee of the Department. The Committee will select the best applications and define the final ranking list which will be approved by the Council of the Department.

The selection criteria are the following:

1. scientific qualifications and research experience of the candidate;
2. originality of the research project;
3. centrality of the chosen topic within the FICLIT's research areas;
4. contribution to the strategy aimed at improving the FICLIT's scientific activity, as illustrated in the Departments of Excellence Initiative.

For each criterion, up to 25 points can be assigned. Only applications scoring at least 70/100 points are eligible to be selected.

The Department reserves the right to select a lower number of candidates if the applications

submitted do not satisfy the Excellence requirements.

Art. 8 Acceptance and confirmation

Visitings applications will be approved by a resolution of the Council of Department containing the scholar's first and family names, contacts, dates of the Visitings stay at FICLIT, a description of the planned activities and the name of the proposing Professor.

The resolution will be published on the website www.ficlit.unibo.it.

The invitation will be formalized with a letter from the Department's Head.

The Visiting Researcher/PhD Student is required to formally accept the position by replying with a confirmation message within one week from the receipt of the invitation letter.

Art. 9 - Further obligations

Immigration rules and health insurance

The Visiting Fellow's/Researcher's/PhD Student's arrival and residence in Italy are regulated by Italian laws and the local authorities' regulations.

It is up to the Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student to obtain the visa and any other necessary authorisations to enter Italy.

Safety and health at work

An injury and third party liability insurance coverage (RCT) is required during the stay in Bologna; the RCT will be limited to the activities listed in the agreement concluded with the Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student and taking place within the Department's facilities.

The Visiting program does not confer any right to benefit from the National Health Service coverage. Visiting Researchers/PhD Students are required to arrange for their health coverage (except as provided in the Immigration Text – TU Immigrazione D.Lgs. 286/1998).

The Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student undertakes to comply with the regulations and instructions concerning accident prevention, safety and health protection in the workplace and to attend the appropriate compulsory training courses, if any.

Ethical Code of Behavior

The Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student undertakes to uphold and apply in full the rules of the University Ethical Code of Behavior available on: www.unibo.it/ethical-code-of-behaviour

Art. 10 - Final report and payment

At the end of the research stay, the Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD Student shall provide:

- a final detailed report explaining the activities carried out and those to be completed (e.g.: participation in competitive European and international calls; submission of joint manuscripts to the editorial boards of scientific international periodicals or collective volumes);
- The final report must be validated by the proposing FICLIT's professor.

In case of non-compliance the Visiting Researcher/PhD Student will not receive any compensation/reimbursement and will be excluded from participation in further calls for *Visiting Researcher/PhD Student* published by the Department as part of the Excellent University Departments Project.

In any case, in order to ensure a rotation of the beneficiaries, no selected fellow will be allowed to participate to the call for Visiting program immediately following the one he/she applied for.

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

For any further query, please contact Stefania Pollastri at dipfclit.amministrazione@unibo.it

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Digitally Signed