



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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Call for selection 2026 – I edition

Visiting Professors, Scholars 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 Professors** the professors, scholars or experts, foreign or Italian, of appropriate scientific qualification from international foreign institutions, who are entrusted with an assignment for research and/or teaching activities not included in the teaching programme.
- **Visiting Scholars** the scholars or experts, foreign or Italian, of appropriate scientific qualification from international foreign institutions, 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 Professor and/or Scholar** 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 *Visitations* 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

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Visiting Professors, Scholars 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, by the deadline of application:

- 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 1st March 2026 to 30 September 2026**. The period of stay or collaboration shall be continuous in order to achieve a successful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department.

Art. 5 – Remuneration

The total budget available for the Visiting Professors/Scholars/PhD Students program is EUR 8,000.

Tab.1 **Monthly gross salary**

Monthly gross amount			UNA TANTUM
Job title (according to the European Framework for Research Career)	Research activity only (Visiting Scholar or PhD Student)	+ Teaching activity (Visiting Professor)	+ <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

Each **Visiting Professor/Scholar/PhD Student** will be entitled to:

- Receive a lump sum compensation that will be subject to regular taxation according to national laws and internal rules;
- be provided with a fully equipped workstation, 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>).

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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 **15th of January 2026 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 Professor/Scholar /PhD student;
2. a reference letter from a Professor/Researcher of the Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies (FICLIT), including a short scientific biography of the Visiting Professor/Scholar/PhD Student and the Visiting's qualification (R1, R2, R3, R4);
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 by 30th September 2026);
5. a scanned copy of the Visiting Professor's/Scholar's/PhD student's currently valid passport (or other identity document);
6. Visiting Professor's/Scholar's/PhD Student's *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and list of publications (last 5 years);
7. title and abstract of the seminar for PhD candidates and research fellows of the FICLIT that the Visiting Fellow/Researcher/PhD student shall hold.
8. Declaration of availability to meet jointly with students and PhD students (or alternatively with interested individual students and PhD students) to share incoming mobility opportunities offered by their home university, in order to enhance exchange and internationalisation activities between universities.

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](#).
5. For each criterion, up to 25 points can be assigned. Only applications scoring at least 70/100 points are eligible to be selected.
6. 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 Visiting's name, dates of the Visiting's stay at FICLIT, a description of the planned activities and the name of the proposing Professor.

The resolution will be published on the website <https://bandi.unibo.it>.

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

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The Visiting Professor/Scholar/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.

In case of acceptance of the position, Visiting Professors will stipulate a casual freelance contract pursuant to Article 7 Decree n. 165/2001 and to Article 2222 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code.

The gross amount (see art. 5) includes taxes that, by law, must be paid by the University and Visiting Professors.

Visiting Professors can choose to require the application of a Tax Treaty against double taxation between Italy and their Country of residence (if an agreement between countries is foreseen). In this case, a tax residence certificate released by the Revenue Agency of their Country of residence is mandatory.

In any case, even if Visiting Professors choose to avoid double taxation, some taxes will still be withheld. These are: 8.5% of regional tax on productive activities (*IRAP*), € 2.00 of stamp duty (*marca da bollo*), beyond € 6.20 of accident and third-party liability insurance coverage up to 1 month, or € 9.40 for 2 months.

If Visiting Professors do not require the application of the Tax Treaty against the double taxation, an additional 30.00% of withholding tax calculated on the gross amount deducted from *IRAP* will be applied. Payment of the remuneration shall be made in a single lump sum after termination of the contract within 60 days from the receipt of the declaration of regular performance issued by the project coordinator within the Department.

Art. 9 - Further obligations

Immigration rules and health insurance

The Visiting Professor's/Scholar'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 Professor/Scholar/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 Professor/Scholar/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 Professor/Scholar/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 Professor/Scholar/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 Professor/Scholar/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 - Incompatibility

Application to this call for application is not compatible with participation in other University of Bologna calls for applications financing incoming mobility, throughout the academic year.

Art. 11 - Final report and payment

At the end of the research stay, the Visiting Professor/Scholar/PhD Student shall provide:

- a final detailed report explaining the activities carried out and the impact of the project (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/Researcher.

In case of non-compliance the Visiting Professor/Scholar/PhD Student will not receive any compensation and

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will be excluded from participation in further calls for *Visiting Professor/Scholar/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.

art.12 – Privacy

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 Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

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

art. 13 – Italian Language and Law

The present Call is drafted in Italian and English language. The Italian version shall be the only binding and enforceable version. 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.

For any further query, please contact: stefania.pollastri3@unibo.it or fidlit.ricerca@unibo.it

The Head of Department,
Prof. Nicola Grandi
Digitally Signed

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