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**Call for selection 2020**  
**Visiting Researchers**  
**and**  
**Visiting PhD Students**  
**Excellent University Departments Project**

**Art. 1**

The *Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna – Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies* (hereafter, “FICLIT” or “Department”), in the framework of the “**Excellent University Departments Project**”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (Law n. 265 December 12, 2016), and with a view to fostering the internationalization of departmental research, adopted the present call, concerning at least **n. 2 Visiting Researchers and at least n. 1 Visiting Phd Student** invited to carry out research activities within the Department’s facilities.

This program shall allow a strong scientific interaction between foreign scholars invited and researchers of the Department with regard to the priorities identified in the [Excellent University Departments Project](#). This interaction shall be developed especially by means of the following activities: joint organization of workshops or other events of scientific nature within the FICLIT; drafting joint scientific manuscripts to be published in scientific international journals or international relevance collective volumes; joint participation in calls for European and international projects. Selected *Visiting Researchers* shall also hold a seminar on their research activities which will be mainly addressed to PhD candidates and research fellows of the FICLIT.

**Art. 2**

The total budget available for the Visiting Researchers program is 12.000 EUR.

Each ***Visiting Researcher*** will be entitled to:

- receive compensation or in alternative a reimbursement of expenses incurred covering travel expenses, accomodation and meals up to a maximum amount of 1,400 EUR per month for Visiting Researchers residing in the EU, plus a lump sum of 600 EUR for Visiting Researchers not residing in the EU; the amount will vary according to the actual duration of the stay. The reimbursement is tax free, but original receipts of expenses incurred 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” library. (<http://www.ficlit.unibo.it/it/biblioteca>).



The total budget available for the Visiting PhD Students program is 6.000 EUR.

Each **Visiting Phd student** will be entitled to:

- receive compensation or in alternative a reimbursement of expenses incurred covering travel expenses, accomodation and meals up to a maximum amount of 1,400 EUR per month for Visiting Researchers residing in the EU, plus a lump sum of 600 EUR for Visiting Phd Students not residing in the EU; the amount will vary according to the actual duration of the stay. The reimbursement is tax free, but original receipts of expenses incurred 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” library (<http://www.ficlit.unibo.it/it/biblioteca>).

### Art. 3

The length of the stay shall range from **30 to 60 days** during the period **January 7th – 31st December 2020**. The period of stay shall be continuous so as to achieve a successful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department.

The application shall include all required documents and shall be uploaded by the candidates by **November 24th, 2019 at 12:00 on the [online platform](#)**.

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

1. personal and professional data of the Visiting Reasearcher/Phd student;
2. a cover letter from a 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, Researchers/Phd Students of the FICLIT with whom the applicant wants 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;
5. a scanned copy of the Visiting Researcher's/PhD student's passport (or other identity document) in course of validity;
6. Visiting Researcher's/PhD Student's *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and list of publications (last 5 years);
7. title and abstract of seminar for PhD candidates and research fellows of the FICLIT that the Visiting Researcher/PhD student shall hold.

### Art. 4

The applications will be evaluated by an internal Commission of the Department. The Commission will be tasked with the selection of the best applications and the definition of the final ranking list which will be approved by the Council of 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 international legal debate;
4. methodology applied to the research;
5. contribution to the strategy aimed at improving the FICLIT's scientific activity, as illustrated in the Excellent University Departments Project.

For each criterion, up to 20 points can be assigned. Only applications scoring at least 70/100 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. 5**

Visiting Researchers/PhD Students will be invited through a deliberation adopted by the Council of Department and containing the scholar's first and family names, contacts, dates of stay within the FICLIT, description of the planned activities and name of the proposing Professor. The deliberation will be published on the website [www.ficlit.unibo.it](http://www.ficlit.unibo.it).

The invitation will be formalized with a letter from the Department's Head no later than December 15th, 2019.

Within one week of receipt of the invitation letter, the Visiting Researcher/PhD Student is required to formally accept the position by sending a confirmation message to: [ficlit.amministrazione@unibo.it](mailto:ficlit.amministrazione@unibo.it)

#### **Art. 6**

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

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

#### **Art. 7**

An accident 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 Researcher/Phd Student and taking place within the Department's facilities.

The Visiting program does not provide for any right to benefit from the National Health Service coverage. Visiting Researchers/Phd Students are required to arrange for their health coverage.

#### **Art. 8**

At the end of the research stay, the Visiting 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 journals or collective volumes);
- electronic copies of any final research product.



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.

#### **Art. 9**

As long as the present call remains open, it will be available in the section “Highlights” of the website <http://www.ficlit.unibo.it/it/dipartimento/english-version>.

#### **Art. 10**

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

**For any further query, please contact [ficlit.amministrazione@unibo.it](mailto:ficlit.amministrazione@unibo.it).**

The Head of Department  
Signed by prof. Francesco Citti

