



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
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**Call for selection  
VISITING PROFESSORS 2025/2026  
Department of Political and Social Sciences**

**Art. 1**

The *Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna – Department of Political and Social Sciences*, in the framework of the **Excellent University Departments Project 2023-2027** funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, to foster the internationalization of teaching and research activities, adopts the present call, concerning **n. 2 Positions for Visiting Professors** for well-established scholars who are invited to primarily engage in teaching and potentially research activities during the academic year 2025/2026 (September 2025 - June 2026).

This initiative aims to attract expertise from around the world to collaborate with the Department of Political and Social Sciences, fostering its role at the global level and promoting mobility while improving the quality and diversity of teaching activities. The program shall lead to scientific interaction between the invited foreign scholars and the staff of the Department with regard to the priorities identified in the Excellence Project, through joint organization of academic events, scientific collaboration for academic research, or joint applications to competitive calls. **The Selected Visiting Professors will be required to hold seminar teaching for at least 8 hours to Bachelor, Master or PhD students and/or in research seminars for faculty, the university community or the general public.**

**Art. 2**

Applicants propose a project/plan focused on teaching and potentially research related to the topics addressed in the Excellence Project 2023-2027, namely the **transnational dimension of political and socioeconomic phenomena**, such as migration, climate change, pandemics, or armed conflicts (but not exclusively), which undermine the traditional scope of national sovereignty. Understanding the consequent blurring of the distinction between the internal/domestic and the external/international/transnational dimensions of these phenomena lies at the core of the Excellence Project. It also requires elaborating new scientific tools to grasp their causes and their impact from a comparative and global perspective.

Each Visiting Professor will be entitled to:

- be provided with a fully-equipped working space in the Department for 3 to 4 weeks between September 2025 and June 2026;
- accede the items and IT resources of the Department;
- collaborate with teaching and research;
- the amount of compensation for 5.000 Euros gross amount.

**Art. 3**

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Those interested in applying must submit their application personally through the provided platform <https://personale.unibo.it/pol/welcome.htm?siteLanguage=en> by the 12 of May 2025.

Applications must include:

1. A cover letter and motivation for candidacy;
2. title of the seminar activity and an abstract of the contents, including detailed teaching plan (based on 8 hours of teaching) referring to activities, methodology, and expected outcome about the Excellence Project 2023-2027;
3. a curriculum vitae, no longer than 10 pages, including significant achievements, projects, teaching activities and publications;
4. a scanned copy of a valid ID document or passport;
5. personal, professional and contact data of the Visiting Professor;
6. the indication of a chosen period of stay and an alternative option. The duration of the period should be between a minimum of three weeks and a maximum of four weeks between September 2025 and June 2026.

#### Art. 4

Applications will be evaluated by a Commission appointed by the Department of Political and Social Sciences. The 2 best applications will be selected, and a final ranking will be published.

The **selection criteria** are the following:

1. scientific qualification and research experience of the candidate;
2. originality and methodology of the project;
3. contribution to the Excellence Project 2023-2027;
4. consistency of the proposed activities with the Department's teaching plan of academic year 2025-2026.

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

The Department of Political and Social Sciences may select a lower number of candidates if the applications submitted do not satisfy the requirements.

#### Art. 5

Selected Visiting Professors will be formally appointed through a decree approving the documents of the selection notice adopted by the Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, which will be published on the website <https://bandi.unibo.it/docenti/visiting-fellows>.

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

**Within one week of receipt of the invitation letter, the selected Visiting Professor must formally accept the position by sending a confirmation message to the e-mail address: [sps.direttore.mbx@unibo.it](mailto:sps.direttore.mbx@unibo.it).**

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.

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The gross amount (see art. 2) 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 (see article 7 of this call).

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. 6

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

If the Visiting Professor is a non-EU citizen, he/she will need a self-employment visa.

For more information: <https://www.unibo.it/en/university/international-outreach/international-staff-professors-and-researchers/visiting-professors-and-other-lecturers-coming-from-abroad>.

#### Art. 7

The Department of Political and Social Sciences will activate an accident and third-party liability insurance coverage (RCT). The RCT will be limited to the activities listed in the agreement concluded with the Visiting Professor and taking place within the Department's facilities.

The insurance coverage will be withheld from the fee.

Visiting Professors are required to arrange for their health and social security coverage.

#### Art. 8

At the end of the research stay, Visiting Professors shall provide a **final detailed report** explaining the activities carried out and those to be completed.

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As long as the present call remains open, it will be available in the section “Calls” of the website:  
<https://bandi.unibo.it/docenti/visiting-fellows>.

## **Art. 10**

### Rules of University and Ethical Code of Behavior

The Visiting Professor undertakes to accept to be bound by and to comply with *Alma Mater Studiorum* – University of Bologna 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](http://www.unibo.it/codiceetico).

### Confidentiality

The Visiting Professor expressly undertakes, for the entire duration of the mobility 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 program of this call, even when not specifically and clearly qualified as "confidential" or "secrets".

### Intellectual property

The Visiting Professor expressly agrees 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 the University of Bologna if generated with *Alma Mater Studiorum* – University of Bologna funds, facilities or other resources or in the performance of Department collaboration or Department research or Department sponsored research.

## **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](http://www.unibo.it/privacy).

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

## **Art. 13**

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

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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.

Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences,  
Prof. Francesco Niccolò Moro

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