



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA  
DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE POLITICHE E SOCIALI

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## **Call for selection of Visiting fellows at the Department of Political and Social Sciences in the framework of the “Excellent Departments” Project funded by Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italian law 232 of 1/12/ 2016)**

### **Art. 1**

The Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna –Department of Political and Social Sciences (hereinafter, “SPS” or “Department”), in the framework of the Excellent Departments Project, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, and with a view to fostering the internationalization of departmental research, issued the present call for applications, concerning **2** Visiting fellows positions for foreign Professors/Researchers invited to carry out activities of disseminations of their knowledge, research methodology and results in 2020-2021. They will perform their activities within the Department’s facilities.

The foreseen profile of the visiting fellow is:

- R4 Leading Researcher (researchers leading their research area or field), according to the the four career stages outlined and defined in the European Commission’s document [“Towards a European Framework for Research Careers”](#) (EUROPEAN COMMISSION Directorate General for Research &Innovation, Brussels, 21st July 2011).

In particular, *visiting fellows* shall ensure a strong scientific interaction with SPS Professors and researchers and are expected to enrich the research agenda and activities of the Department (see annex I). This interaction shall be developed especially by means of some of the following activities:

- joint organization of workshops or other events of scientific nature within the SPS research agenda;
- drafting joint scientific manuscripts to be published in scientific international journals or international dimension collective volumes;
- joint participation to calls for European and international projects;
- seminars/lessons on their research activities which will be mainly addressed to PhD candidates and research fellows at SPS.

### **Art. 2**

Each Visiting fellow will:

- receive a gross salary of 4608 EUR for a period of 30 days or a gross salary of 2304 EUR for a period of 15 days. In addition to that, the Department will take care of accommodation expenses, providing four housing options to Visiting fellows. The selected Visiting fellow will have to purchase its airplane ticket, visa and health insurance if applicable. Upon reception of boarding pass, electronic airplane ticket, proof of payments for airplane ticket, visa and health insurance if applicable, the Department will reimburse it up to 2000 euros.
- be provided with a fully equipped office space, in Bologna.

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- be able to access the facilities and ICT resources of the SPS and the “Nicola Matteucci” library.

The salary to be paid to the Visiting fellow will include any tax charged to the recipient. The recipient’s exact gross salary will be determined on the basis of his/her choice to take, or not to take, advantage of a Tax Treaty (if existent) to avoid double taxation.

### **Art. 3**

The length of the stay shall be **30 days** or **15 days** during the period **March 2020 – March 2021**. The period of stay shall be continuous so to achieve a fruitful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department. The exact amount of the salary will vary according to the actual duration of the stay and in any case it cannot be lower than 15 days. If the period of stay exceeds 30 days no further salary or travel/accommodation costs are foreseen for the Visiting fellow. Splitting the period of stay in two or more sessions is possible but the minimum duration of at least one stay will have to be 15 days. In any case the Department will reimburse only one airplane return ticket.

The application shall include all required documents and shall be sent by the candidates **by the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2020** at the following e-mail address: [sps.direttore.mbx@unibo.it](mailto:sps.direttore.mbx@unibo.it). Applications shall be submitted exclusively through e-mail; any document submitted through other means will not be accepted. The application shall include:

1. an application form filled in with personal and professional data of the Visiting fellow (attached annex II);
2. the indication of the reasons concerning the decision to stay in Bologna, activities to carry out, methodology and expected results;
3. the indication of the chosen period of stay;
4. a scanned copy of the Visiting fellow’s passport (or other identity document) in course of validity;
5. Visiting fellow’s *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and list of publications (last 5 years);
6. Theme and abstract of workshop/ seminar for PhD candidates and research fellows/event of scientific nature to be held by the Visiting fellow

### **Art. 4**

The applications will be evaluated by a Commission appointed by the Department Director. The Commission will be tasked with the selection of the best applications and the definition of the final ranking list within the deadline indicated in the call for applications.

The selection criteria are the following:

1. scientific qualification and research experience of the candidate (40 points);
2. originality of the Visiting fellow mobility project (20 points);
3. centrality of the chosen topic within the international scientific trends (20 points);
4. contribution to the strategy aimed at improving the SPS’s scientific activity, as illustrated in Annex I (20 points).

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 demanded excellence requirements.

**Art. 5**

The final ranking list of applications will be approved by Department Director's decree. The decree will be published on the website: <https://dsps.unibo.it>

The invitation of the Visiting fellow will be formalized with a letter from the Department's Head. Winning applications will be communicated no later than the **21<sup>st</sup> of February 2020**. Within 10 days of receipt of the invitation letter, the Visiting fellow is required to formally accept the position by sending a confirmation message to: SPS's address: [sps.direttore@unibo.it](mailto:sps.direttore@unibo.it) under penalty of loss of the position.

**Art. 6**

The Visiting fellow's entry and residence in Italy are regulated by the Italian laws and the local authorities' regulations. It is up to the Visiting fellow to obtain the visa and any other necessary authorization to enter Italy. Visiting fellows who are citizens of a country outside the European Union are required to arrange for their health and social security coverage.

**Art. 7**

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

**Art. 8**

At the end of the research stay, the Visiting fellow shall provide a final detailed report explaining the activities carried out.

The payment of the Visiting fellow salary will be authorized by the Department Council upon verification of the proper fulfilment of the required activities. The salary will be transferred in two tranches.

**Art. 9**

As long as the present call remains open, it will be available in the section "Bandi" of the Department website <https://dsps.unibo.it> (scroll down)

**Art. 10**

For all aspects not regulated by this call, Italian law applies.

## **Annex I**

### **Profile of the Alma Mater University of Bologna's Department of Political and Social Sciences**

The Alma Mater University of Bologna's Department of Political and Social Sciences (DSPS) was born in 2012 and is a key reference point in the field of the political and social studies at national and international level. It is the largest Italian department in the Area of political and social sciences. It gathers the legacy and the tradition of several historic Alma Mater institutes, such as the former Political Science and Politics, Institutions and History Departments, the former Faculty of Political Science "R. Ruffilli". DSPS, hence, embraces the University of Bologna's heritage in political and social science research and teaching and unites scholars active in these fields. The Department is located in the neoclassic "Palazzo Hercolani" of the Bologna Campus and in the modern Forlì Campus.

The Department' didactic offer comprises 2 bachelor courses and 8 master's degrees courses on the two locations in Bologna and Forlì.

The Department's courses attract the largest number of students in Italy in the political and social sciences domain and are considered among the best in Italy. This stimulating and avant-garde intellectual environment offers students a vast, interdisciplinary and international training

According to the QS World University Rankings, the University of Bologna is the only Italian university among the first 100 higher education institutions in the world with reference to Political Science and International Studies.

The Department encompasses the main research fields in the study of political and social issues. It pursues international, high-quality research in different areas:

- International relations and European studies
- Law and foreign languages
- Public policies and judicial systems
- Comparative politics
- Sociology
- Cultural sociology
- History and political theory
- Regional studies.

Seminars, workshop or others dissemination activities along with Research activities on the previous complex issues, are complying with the scope of the present call.

The Department hosts several research centres, namely: Center for Historical and Political Studies on Africa and the Middle East, Center for on Central Eastern and Balkan Europe, Center of studies on Latin America, International policy observatory, political parties' observatory "Aldo Di Vigilio", Center for Comparative Public Policy (CCPP), Research Center on the Judicial system (CeSROG), MigLab - Migration Studies, Research Center "Cultures, Religions and International Affairs".

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The Department has also cutting edge informatics and linguistic laboratories. Its library in the Bologna Campus, named after Nicola Matteucci, offers a bibliographic heritage consisting of about 65,000 monographs and 800 journals.

Currently the Department of Political and Social Sciences is involved in 4 projects under Horizon 2020, 7 Erasmus+ projects (6 Jean Monnet and a Key action 2 Capacity Building), a training project financed by NATO, several projects funded by International and national donors and research organizations. In 2017 the Department has been labelled “Excellent Department” in the field of Political and Social sciences by Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and has been awarded a grant of more than 8 Million Euros in order to further enhance its excellence in research, training and raise its international profile.

Bologna, 30 January 2020

The Director of Department  
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