



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DIRECT CALLS FROM ABROAD
(for illustrative purposes only. The valid version is the one in Italian)

1. Subject of the call

1.1 The Department of Political and Social Science of the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna invites applications for direct calls from abroad pursuant to art. 1 paragraph 9 of Law 230/2005.

1.2 For the year 2024, the Department is particularly interested in profiles suitable for filling positions of full and associate professors through direct calls of scholars stably engaged abroad in research or teaching activities at the university level, who have held an equivalent academic position in foreign universities or research institutions for at least three years.

1.3 The Department is particularly interested in profiles with proven teaching and research experience on topics identified as strategic in the Department's Development Project (see the text at art. 4). Regarding teaching, it should be noted that the expected workload, as a rule, is 120 hours of lectures per academic year, to be carried out in one or more of the Department's degrees, delivered at two campuses (Bologna and Forlì), both in Italian and in English. The Department is interested in research profiles that can strengthen its performance in the periodic evaluation of departments by ANVUR.

1.4 Interested parties must send their expression of interest to the Department Director's email inbox (sps.direttore@unibo.it) along with a detailed and updated curriculum vitae by May 10, 2024. It is not guaranteed that any late applications will be considered for the current year, but they may be considered for the following year.

2. Evaluation process of applications and timelines of the call

2.1 Each application received by the aforementioned deadline undergoes a preliminary investigation by the Department's Board, pursuant to art. 13, paragraph 1 of the Department's Regulations, in a restricted composition involving only professors and with expanded participation of the Delegates for Research, Teaching, and Internationalization. The preliminary investigation reduces the overall number of applications to a maximum of three times the number of positions to be filled. The preliminary investigation is based on the same criteria as the final evaluation specified in art. 3 of this call.

2.2 Candidates selected in the preliminary investigation stage are invited to a meeting with the Director, the Delegates for Research, Teaching, and Internationalization, and, if not already involved, one of the professors in the relevant or closest disciplinary sector in order to discuss mutual expectations and needs and to agree on the date and contents of a seminar, in person or via Teams, to be held at the Department in July or September, open to all researchers and professors of the Department. The Director and all the colleagues of the Department, pursuant to articles 15 and 16 of the Code of Ethics and Conduct, endeavor to protect the confidentiality of information regarding the candidates' willingness to relocate from their current place of work.

2.3 Following the seminar, the Board, in the integrated composition referred to earlier, formulates a final synthetic assessment regarding the adequacy of the candidacy, after having consulted the

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degree programme coordinators and the disciplinary area concerned by the candidacy. Positive assessments are accompanied by useful indications for the formulation of the proposal that the Director submits to the Departmental Council.

2.4 The Director shares the curriculum and the synthetic assessment for each of the candidates with the Department Council in one of the sessions useful for ministerial deadlines; in light of these, he/she formulates one or more proposals. Each proposal also includes the following elements, which are submitted to the Council in its appropriate composition: role and salary level; service location; scientific-disciplinary sector/group; call funding method; salary class.

2.5 If the proposal is approved by the Council in its appropriate composition, the proposal is forwarded to the University's Academic Bodies, which finalize it and send it to the Ministry of University and Research by the established deadlines.

2.6 If the request is accepted by the Ministry, the start of service is expected, as a rule, for the beginning of the following academic year (September 2025).

3. Evaluation Criteria

3.1 In addition to verifying the actual possession of the requirements provided by regulations, the (preliminary and final) assessment of the candidacy aims to explore one or more of the following elements:

- potential contribution to the Department's development;
- prestige of the current position;
- quality of the educational and professional path;
- quality of scientific publications: consistency, continuity, relevance of publishing venues, impact on the academic community;
- research topics: congruence with the Departmental Development Project, originality and innovativeness, congruence with the Department's teaching needs, complementarity with the research orientations already consolidated in the Department;
- teaching experience: congruence of courses held with the Department's teaching needs, breadth of experience, number of students, levels (undergraduate, graduate, doctoral) in which experience has been gained, experience in student tutoring, ability to teach both in English and in Italian;
- effectiveness of the seminar, also through the collection of comments expressed by members of the Department who participate in seminar;
- conference activity: intensity, quality of venues;
- involvement in international research networks and degree of internationalization emerged from the previous criteria;
- ability to obtain research funding within the framework of competitive calls;
- ability to contribute to institutional activities;
- any ASN qualifications and/or similar qualifications obtained abroad;
- any preferences expressed by the candidate for other Departments of the University or for other Universities.

3.2 For direct calls, the Department will also take into consideration gender equality and inclusivity needs as per the University's Strategic Plan and Gender Equality Plan.

4. Research Themes in the Departmental Development Project 2023-2027

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4.1 The Department's Development Project identifies the updating of research themes and methods as its most relevant strategic objective.

The analysis of the transnational dimension of political and socioeconomic phenomena has become more central to political and social sciences and will therefore be decisive for the originality of future research. The major challenges of the 21st century, from violent conflicts to migrations, from climate change to pandemics, call into question the ability of individual states to control the processes that influence the well-being and security of citizens, with an erosion of state sovereignty that defies the traditional distinction between internal and external dimensions of political and social phenomena, leading to a reconsideration of the main interpretative models. The updating of research themes will focus on defining transnational challenges, analyzing the causes and impact of such challenges on state sovereignty, and the responses elaborated by different political systems. The Department therefore intends to promote its capacity to investigate new paradigms capable of understanding the causes of these phenomena, estimating their impact, and exploring innovative institutional responses.

At the global level, it is appropriate to investigate challenges and governance responses related to the management of global public goods, from the environment to the Internet, from energy policies to international security. Of particular relevance are the impact of transformations in international political equilibria and changes at the local level - especially armed conflicts - that have an impact beyond national borders. In this context, Africa and the Middle East are areas of privileged attention. At the national level, it is appropriate to analyze challenges and responses undertaken in different policy areas that correspond to the different contexts in which transnational challenges have a significant impact: the changing nature of relationships between external and internal environments and the ways in which transnational challenges contribute to redefining the perimeter of national policies; the restructuring of national and local political arenas and the co-evolutionary process between different arenas, with attention to the impact of transnational challenges on the structure of political supply and demand in different types of regimes; specific institutional and policy responses, from migration and security policies to welfare and labor policies, with particular attention for effects on inequality.

In addition to acquiring specific knowledge related to different geographical areas, it is necessary to develop adequate research methods. In particular, comparative methods and in-depth analyses of case studies must be accompanied by approaches capable of interpreting large amounts of data to study the collective and individual impact of transformations and approaches aimed at reconstructing structures and dynamics related to social networks.

5. Dissemination

5.1 This expression of interest is published on the Department's website and disseminated through scientific associations and/or dedicated platforms.

6. Personal Data Processing

6.1 In accordance with art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016), candidates are informed that the processing of personal data provided by them or otherwise acquired by Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna is aimed at and necessary for the management of the direct call procedure

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pursuant to Law 230/2015 and the management of related operations and activities. The data will be processed by specifically authorized subjects, using also computerized procedures, in ways and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes, even in case of any communication to third parties. Candidates are entitled to the rights provided for in articles 15 and subsequent of the aforementioned Regulation 2016/679, in particular, the right to access their personal data, to request rectification, erasure, or restriction of processing, as well as to object to their processing, by addressing requests to Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna at the email address privacy@unibo.it. Interested parties who believe that the processing of personal data concerning them occurs in violation of what is provided for by the Regulation have the right to lodge a complaint with Italian Data Protection Authority, as provided for in article 77 of the Regulation itself, or to bring the matter to the appropriate judicial authorities (article 79 of the Regulation).

6.2 The legal basis for this processing can be found in art. 6, paragraph 1, letters c) (processing for legal obligations) and e) (processing for reasons of public interest) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. The data controller is Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (registered office: via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 - Bologna, Italy; email: privacy@unibo.it; PEC: scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it). The contact details of the Data Protection Officer are: registered office: via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 - Bologna, Italy; email: dpo@unibo.it; PEC: scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it. For more information, please consult the website www.unibo.it/privacy.