

VISITING SCIENTISTS PROGRAMME

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

[The Italian version of the call is the original]

OBJECTIVES

The University of Cagliari has launched a call for applications for Visiting Scientists aiming to support research, innovation, and internationalization through the cooperation with other European and international universities.

The purpose of this call for applications is the selection of distinguished Visiting Scientists who are renowned for their outstanding scientific experience, and/or have received Prizes and Awards accepted in the international scientific community.

Visiting Scientists should be regularly and continuously employed in research activities in foreign research centres or universities.

Funds for the Visiting Scientists Programme are provided by Regione Autonoma della Sardegna (Regional Law n. 7 of 07/08/2007 2007 'Promotion of scientific research and technological innovation in Sardinia').

VISITING SCIENTISTS' MAIN TASKS

Visiting Scientists will be carrying out their joint research activity at the University of Cagliari along with the Local Advisor of the Department on a topic of strategic interest for the University.

Visiting Scientists' tasks also include teaching activity and dissemination of research results through seminars for researchers, PhD students, and undergraduates of the University of Cagliari.

The duration of the joint research project should be not less than 15 days and not more than 4 months.

HOW TO APPLY

Visiting Scientists should fill in the application form at the following link: <http://people.unica.it/researchersinmotion/visiting-scientist/>, and should choose the Department and the research group of the University of Cagliari with whom undertake the joint research project.

The deadline for the submission of the **Visiting Scientists' applications** is **10th September 2015**.

Joint research project proposals should be submitted by the Local Advisor **from 11th to 28th September 2015** using the form which can be downloaded from the link <http://people.unica.it/researchersinmotion/joint-research-project-proposal-2/>.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

The evaluation shall be carried out by an Assessment Committee. The Rector of the University of Cagliari selects members of the Assessment Committee among professors of relevant disciplines and international experts who will assess the joint research project proposals.

The submitted proposals shall be evaluated on the basis of the following award criteria: the Assessment Committee will award 100 points to joint research project proposals as follows:

- a) up to 25 points: scientific relevance, strategic interest of the topic and potential impact of the Visiting Scientist's activity on the scientific community of the University of Cagliari
- b) up to 20 point: Visiting Scientist's curriculum vitae
- c) up to 30 points: Visiting Scientist's relevant scientific publications ranked according to indicators accepted in the international scientific community
- d) up to 10 points: Visiting Scientists' Prizes and Awards received for their scientific research
- e) up to 5 points: coherence of Visiting Scientists' research activity with the research interests of the Departments of the University of Cagliari
- f) up to 10 points: engagement required to Visiting Scientists taking into account the dissemination and teaching activities as well

Joint research project proposals which are awarded at least 70 points will be funded until exhaustion of available funds as follows:

- a) 91-100 points: € 15.000 for 15-day visits; for longer visits a daily amount of € 428 is given until the maximum amount of € 60.000 for four months
- b) 81-90 points: € 8.000 for 15-day visits; for longer visits a daily amount of € 304 is given until the maximum amount of € 40.000 for four months
- c) 70-80 points: € 6.000 for 15-day visits; for longer visits a daily amount of € 228 is given until the maximum amount of € 30.000 for four months

According to the availability of funds, it will be given priority only to one project for each scientific area.

When the evaluation process is completed, the Assessment Committee publishes the ranking of projects on the website of the University.

COMMUNICATION TO WINNERS AND GRANT AWARD

Successful Visiting Scientists will receive by email the formal communication of the selection outcomes.

Visiting Scientists should communicate their acceptance or refusal of the research grant within fifteen days from the date of transmission of the selection outcomes. They should send by email their decision to: visiting.scientist@unica.it.

In the case of absence of any communication, it will be considered to be a renunciation.

After the acceptance of the grant, Visiting Scientists will be invited to sign the contract according to current regulations.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND GRANT PAYMENT

Visiting Scientists should arrange their research activity with the Local Advisor. Their research activity will be carried out at respective Departments of the University of Cagliari. They should also comply with the Department rules and safety regulations.

Moreover Visiting Scientists should respect the duty of confidentiality regarding information and documents gathered, and knowledge acquired during the research activity.

Research grants will be paid in monthly postponed payments. The last payment is subject to the presentation of a report on research activity carried out and results achieved jointly signed by the Visiting Scientist and the Local Advisor.

RESPONSIBLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

The responsible for the administrative procedure for this call for applications is Mrs M. Teresa Scalas, Officer of Direzione per la Ricerca e il Territorio of the University of Cagliari, address: via San Giorgio n. 12, 09124 Cagliari.

Further information can be requested by email to: visiting.scientist@unica.it.

PUBLICITY

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