



University of Messina (UniME)
Call for Applications for
Visiting Researcher a.y. 2021/2022

This document is a translation of “BANDO VISITING RESEARCHER 2021”. In case of discrepancies between the language versions of the notice, the Italian language version prevails.

Please note that **only applications submitted by a UniME staff member** are considered eligible.

Art. 1 – Objectives

The University of Messina offers grants to support incoming mobility of Visiting Researcher to carry out joint research activities from September 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

Scholars that are already beneficiaries of a Visiting assignment at other universities for the same period cannot be recipients of funding.

Art. 2 – Content and length of visit

The length of the visit is set at 30 consecutive days.

The only exception from the Regulation for Visiting Researchers is in the areas of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, where the duration of stay may be of 10 consecutive days.

The activity of the Visiting Researcher will consist in carrying out joint research activities in cooperation with UniME scholars.

Proposed visits shall take place from September 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

Visiting Researchers shall be allowed all rights and responsibilities in accordance with the relevant UniME Regulation on Visiting Professors (art. 5).

Art. 3 – Procedures and terms of application

The Council of the UniME Department/Research Center (hereby “the Host structure”) will *pre-evaluate* the application(s) submitted by one or more UniME staff member(s) (“hereby the “Proposing professor(s)”).

Pre-evaluation will take into account outcomes of the visit on projects and research activities of the Host structure.

If the application is positively evaluated, the Proposing professor(s) will provide the Visiting Researcher with a suitable workplace in the Host structure premises.

Visiting Researcher application forms (annex 1) must be sent to the International Education and Cooperation Unit (IECU) by **May 30, 2021 at 23:59** through the computerized Titulus protocol system.

Documents submitted by e-mail or personally delivered will not be accepted.

For any information regarding the completion of this application please write to the following email address: visiting@unime.it

Art. 4 – Selection

IECU shall verify the admissibility of received applications and transmit them to a Commission appointed by rectoral decree (hereby “the Commission”).

The Commission shall evaluate applications on the basis of criteria set by art. 3 of UniME Regulation on Visiting Professors as specified in the application form hereby attached.

The Commission’s list of selected candidates shall be approved by the UniME Academic Senate and Administrative Council.

The Commission may shortlist a smaller number of Visiting Researchers, not using the entire budget available, if applications do not meet selection criteria.

In the case that funds available for research activities are not entirely used, the Commission may assign, in whole or in part, these additional resources to selected Visiting Professor (Call for Applications for Visiting Professors a.y. 2021/2022).

In the case of withdrawal or impossibility to carry out the visit, the Proposing professor(s) will promptly notify IECU.

IECU shall replace the Visiting Researcher either with the first available Visiting Researcher in the selection list or by offering a grant with a new call for application.

Art. 5 – Notification and acceptance of the selection

The Call for Application and the list of selected candidates will be published on the UniME webpage.

IECU shall inform the Visiting Researcher of the selection and compensation.

The Visiting Researcher shall confirm the acceptance by e-mail.

Art. 6 – Grants

Grants are offered to cover expenses for travel, board, and lodging expenses upon presentation of the documentation.

Compensation for a Visiting Researcher is:

- maximum € 2.000 by way of reimbursement of expenses (travel, board, and lodging expenses) for scholars employed in European Higher Education Institutions;
- maximum € 2.500 by way of reimbursement of expenses (travel, board, and lodging expenses) for scholars employed in non-European Higher Education Institutions.

Art. 7 – Payment terms

Payment of compensation will take place in a single installment at the end of the Visit upon handing in of the Register of activity to the Host structure.

The amount paid as a reimbursement for travel, board, and lodging expenses must be duly documented, according to the procedures set out in arts. 7-9 of UniME Regulations for the missions of the teaching and technical-administrative staff.

Compensation will be transferred to the provided bank account number.

In no case will compensation be paid in advance.

Art. 8 – Processing of personal data

The use of personal data is regulated in compliance with the provisions of art.13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 “General Data Protection Regulation”(GDPR).

Art. 9 – Final provisions

For all issues not covered by this notice, provisions of UniME Regulations on Visiting Professors apply.