Art. 1 Objectives

The University of Messina offers grants to support incoming mobility of Visiting Professors to carry out teaching activities within the framework of the UniME academic offer from October 1st 2019 to July 31st 2020.

The total budget available is € 75,000 and grants shall be assigned by taking into account the number of applications submitted for each scientific Macro-area.

Scholars that have already received a grant from previous UniME call for application (Visiting Professor/Researcher 2018) or any other UniME financing programme or who are currently employed by another Italian University/Research Centre are not eligible for a grant.

Art. 2 – Content and length of visit

The length of the visit shall range from 1 to 3 months. In any case, the first month of stay must be continuous.

The only exception from the Regulation for Visiting Professors is in the areas of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. The duration of stay may vary from a minimum of ten days to a maximum of 3 months. In any case, the minimum ten-days stay must be continuous.

Visiting activities must consist in teaching activities that are an integral part of one or more First, Second or Third Cycle Degree Programmes taught at UniME.

Proposed visits shall take place from October 1st 2019 to July 31st 2020 and must coincide with the UniME academic year.

Visiting Professors shall be allowed all rights and responsibilities in accordance with the relevant UniME Regulation on Visiting Professors.

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 graduate/undergraduate students’ education.

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

Visiting Professor application forms (attachment 1) must be sent to the International Cooperation Unit (ICU), Special Unit Scientific Research and Internationalization, by 3rd May 2019 at 12:30.

The application form shall be sent by the Host Structure, together with the above attachments, 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
ICU 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 Professors not using the entire budget available if applications do not meet selection criteria.
In the case that funds available for teaching activities are not entirely used, the Commission may assign, in whole or in part, these additional resources to selected Visiting Researchers (Call for Visiting Researcher application 2019).
In the case of withdrawal or impossibility to carry out the visit, the Proposing professor(s) will promptly notify ICU.
ICU shall replace the Visiting Professor either with the first available Visiting Professor 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.
ICU shall inform the Visiting Professor of the selection and compensation.
The Visiting Professor shall confirm the acceptance of the compensation and the chosen fiscal regime by e-mail.

Art. 6 – Grants
Except for duly justified cases, maximum compensation for a Visiting Professor is €3,000 per month (gross) for scholars employed in European Higher Education Institutions, or € 5,000 per month (gross) for scholars employed in non-European Higher Education Institutions.
Grants are subject to Italian fiscal rules and regulations.

Art. 7 – Payment terms
Payment of compensation (on the basis of chosen tax regime) will take place in a single installment at the end of the Visit upon handing in of the Register of activity to the Personnel Office. In the case of more than one month of stay, the compensation will be paid in monthly installments (of equivalent amounts) upon handing in of the Register of activity to the Personnel Office.
In any case, compensation will be paid the following month for the previous month - i.e. payment one full month after the month billed.
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 (see D.R. n.741, 27 March 2014).

Messina,

The Rector
Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea