



**University of Messina (UniME)**  
Call for  
Visiting Researcher application 2019

This document is a translation of “BANDO VISITING RESEARCHER 2019”. In the 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. International scholars willing to apply must contact a UniME academic and arrange the submission. For any query please write to [visiting@unime.it](mailto:visiting@unime.it)

**Art. 1 Objectives**

The University of Messina offers grants to support incoming mobility of Visiting Researchers to carry out joint research activities from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2019 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020. The total budget available is € 25.000 and grants shall be assigned also 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 programmes or who are currently employed by another Italian University/Research Centre are not eligible for a grant.

**Art. 2 – Content and length of the 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 Researchers 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. Proposed visits shall take place from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2019 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 and must coincide with the UniME academic year. Visiting Researchers 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 UniME Department/Research Center (hereby “the Host structure”) will conduct a *preliminary* evaluation of the application(s) submitted by one/or more UniME staff member(s) (“hereby referred to as 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) shall ensure the Visiting Researcher a suitable workplace in the Host structure premises. Visiting Researcher application forms (attachment 1) must be sent to the International Cooperation Unit (ICU), Special Unit Scientific Research and Internationalization, by the **3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 12:30**. The application form shall be sent by the 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](mailto:visiting@unime.it)

#### **Art. 4 - Selection**

The 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 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 select Visiting Professors (Call for Visiting Professor application 2019).

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

ICU 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.

The ICU shall inform the Visiting Researcher of the selection and compensation.

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

#### **Art. 6 – Grants**

Grants are offered to cover expenses for travel, board and lodging expenses upon presentation of the documentation. Grants are subject to Italian fiscal rules and regulations.

Within the limit of the grant, only expenses listed in the UniME Regulation on Mission (art. 7-9) are eligible to be refunded.

Except for duly justified cases, maximum compensation for a Visiting Researcher 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.

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 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 and documentation concerning travel, board and lodging expenses 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. 7 – 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. 8 – 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**

