



## THE RECTOR

<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Law of May 9, 1989, No. 168;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Legislative Decree No. 165 of March 30, 2001, as amended;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Law of December 30, 2010, No. 240;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Resolution No. 311 of the Board of Directors dated October 27, 2015, approving the Regulation for Administration, Finance, and Accounting, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 65 of January 13, 2016, and amended with Rectoral Decrees No. 1220 of April 11, 2019, and No. 1160 of April 29, 2021;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Directorate Decree No. 1435 of March 28, 2013, assigning financial, technical, and administrative budget management to Area Directors, including the formal adoption of acts that commit the administration externally, through autonomous spending powers;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Resolution No. 408 of the Board of Directors dated December 17, 2024, on the reorganization of university services by processes;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Directorate Decrees No. 5009 of December 20, 2024, and No. 564 of February 17, 2025, on the reorganization of university services with the related organizational charts;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Resolution No. 391 of the Board of Directors dated December 17, 2024, approving the University's Single Budget for the 2025 annual forecast authorization;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Directorate Decree No. 172 of January 28, 2025, on the allocation of the budget for the year 2025, notified with official note No. 11010 of January 28, 2025;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Directorate Decree No. 5046 of December 31, 2024, whereby, from November 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, the General Director assumes the role of Interim Director of the Research Services Area;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the TRUST Code – A Global Code of Conduct for Equitable Research Partnerships 2018, whose adoption among Member States was promoted by the Council of the European Union in the session of September 28, 2021;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity – Revised Edition 2023, by ALLEA;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the European Chart of Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers;



<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Three-Year Programming and Policy Guidance Document for Development Cooperation 2024-2026, approved with Resolution No. 1/2024 on December 9, 2024, by the Interministerial Committee for Development Cooperation and published in the Official Gazette, General Series No. 27, on February 3, 2025;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the aforementioned Three-Year Programming and Policy Guidance Document for Development Cooperation 2024-2026 identifies the priority countries on which Italy's action will focus;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	It is appropriate to adhere to this strategic vision by adopting scientific diplomacy actions towards these priority countries;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Statute of Sapienza, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 3689 of October 29, 2012;
<b>VIS WHEREAS TO</b>	the Code of Ethics and Conduct of Sapienza University of Rome, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 3430 of November 28, 2022;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Regulation of the Ethics Committee for Transdisciplinary Research (CERT), issued with Rectoral Decree No. 1257/2024;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the Guidelines on Compliance for Research Activities on Dual-Use Topics in Collaborations Outside the European Union, approved with Resolution No. 265/24 by the Academic Senate in the session of November 12, 2024;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	The complexity of the international scenario that has emerged with recent conflicts and economic and social crises, which have affected numerous academics from high-risk countries;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Sapienza's membership in the Scholars at Risk (SAR) International network, approved with Academic Senate Resolution No. 103 of March 26, 2019, and Board of Directors Resolution No. 124 of April 2, 2019, along with the university's initiatives in support of at-risk scholars;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Sapienza's adherence to the Manifesto of the Inclusive University, approved with Academic Senate Resolution No. 293 of November 26, 2019, and Board of Directors Resolution No. 386 of December 3, 2019;
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Resolutions No. 83 of the Academic Senate dated April 8, 2025, and No. 151 of the Board of Directors dated April 17, 2025, approving the proposal for the issuance of the Visiting Professors 2025 calls and the Solidarity Call for Research and Teaching: Visiting Professors, the



latter aimed at funding Visiting Professors in situations of risk or economic or social hardship, for the conduct of research and/or joint teaching activities;

**WHEREAS** Resolution No. 113 from the Academic Senate session of May 13, 2025;

**WHEREAS** the Sapienza Dual Use Panel;

**WHEREAS** the favorable opinion expressed by the College of Department Directors in the session of May 12, 2025, recorded in minutes No. 5;

**WHEREAS** the budget availability of €198,000.00, based on accounting entry No. 73637/25, approved with Board of Directors Resolution No. 151 of April 17, 2025, under account A.C.13.05.070.030 - Visiting Professors (costs) - relations with structures – fiscal year 2025 – UA S. 001.DRD.ASER.ASI (Office for International Research Planning and Management)

#### **DECREES**

The issuance of a "Solidarity Call for Research and Teaching" aimed at funding Visiting Professors who are in situations of risk or economic or social hardship for a period of 90 days of research and/or joint teaching activities.

The call is attached to this provision as an integral part.

The original of this decree is included in the collection of administrative acts.

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## **Solidarity Call for Research and Teaching: Visiting Professors**

**ART. 1. Object**

1. Sapienza University of Rome issues the "Solidarity Call for Research and Teaching: Visiting Professors" for the year 2025, aimed at funding Visiting Professors who are in high-risk countries or facing economic or social hardship for research and/or joint teaching activities.
2. This call aims to further support and promote Sapienza's initiatives in safeguarding personal and academic freedom and protecting scholars whose lives are at risk or whose activities are severely compromised. To this end, the call particularly supports researchers from institutions located in priority countries identified in the Three-Year Programming and Policy Guidance Document for Development Cooperation 2024-2026.
3. The total allocation for this call amounts to €198,000.00, covering 22 grants, each worth €9,000.00 and lasting 90 days
4. In the event of approval of the application submitted under this procedure, the host Department will be responsible for managing the grant, welcoming the Visiting Professor, and completing the necessary formalities before and after the visit.

**ART. 2. Eligibility Requirements for the Call**

1. Only the following individuals are eligible to apply as proponents: Full and Associate Professors, Tenured Researchers, Fixed-term Researchers, and Research Technologists (RTT) as of the call's deadline; otherwise, they will be excluded.  
Each proponent may submit only one application under this call; multiple submissions will lead to exclusion.
2. Funding applications submitted under this call are incompatible with those submitted for the Visiting Professors 2025 Call; submitting both will result in exclusion.
3. Visiting Professors invited by the proponents must be faculty members, researchers, or experts with proven scientific qualifications, affiliated - under penalty of exclusion - with a university, institution, or research entity located in one of the MAECI priority countries<sup>1</sup>:

Mediterranean Africa	Egypt, Libya, Tunisia
Eastern Africa	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
Western Africa	Burkina Faso, Chad, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Republic of Congo, Senegal

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<sup>1</sup> Three-Year Programming and Policy Guidance Document on Development Cooperation 2024-2026, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



Southern Africa	Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia
Western Balkans	Albania
Eastern Europe	Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine
Middle East	Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria
Asia	Kirghizstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan
Latin America and the Caribbean	Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador

4. 45.4% of the grants awarded, amounting to €90,000.00 and corresponding to 10 grants, will be reserved for scholars from institutions located in the countries listed in the “Middle East” section of the table above. Of the 10 grants allocated to the Middle East, 6 will be reserved for scholars from Palestine. Any unallocated grants will be reassigned to other designated Middle Eastern countries.

5. The Visiting Professor is eligible if, in the three years preceding the call's deadline, they have not resided or carried out their main activity in Italy for more than twelve months, even if non-consecutive. 6. Il Professore visitatore, se in quiescenza, non è eleggibile, pena l'esclusione.

7. The Visiting Professor cannot be simultaneously proposed, under penalty of exclusion, for the same selection process by another Sapienza faculty member.

8. The activities to be carried out must not involve dual-use research subject to export license requests in the context of collaborations outside the European Union. For more information, please refer to this link: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/linee-guida-sulla-ricerca-ambito-duplice-uso>

9. Failure to meet even one of the listed requirements will result in exclusion from scientific evaluation by the Commission and from this call.

### **ART. 3. Grants for the Visiting Professor**

The Visiting Professor will be awarded a grant of €9,000.00 for a period of 90 consecutive calendar days as a flat-rate reimbursement. Shorter periods are not permitted under this type of call.

2. This grant has a taxable nature, although it is not considered a salary, and should be understood as gross of all tax burdens required by the current national regulations, including those payable by the employer. Regarding the tax classification of the payment and the recipient's individual status, mandatory social security contributions (INPS) may also apply during the visiting period.



3. The Visiting Professor who is fiscally resident in countries that are parties to international agreements against double taxation, recognized by Italian national legislation, may request their prior application by completing and submitting the appropriate declaration issued by the competent tax authority to the host Department. This must be done in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Convention or the regulations approved by the Italian Financial Administration, subject to recognition by the University through the Department.
4. The grant awarded to the Visiting Professor is intended to provide a lump-sum expense reimbursement, with no salary-related nature.

**ART. 4. Applications and Submission Deadlines**

1. Applications must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on July 4, 2025, exclusively through the online procedure available at the following link.: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/bando-professori-visitatori>

2. Applications must be accompanied by:

- the *curriculum vitae* of the proposed scholar
- a description of the research and/or teaching activity to be developed jointly
- a copy of the extract of the resolution by which the Department Council commits to hosting the Visiting Professor and granting them, in case of funding, the status of *visiting professor* or *visiting researcher*.

If the Proponent does not have the material availability of the extract of the Department Council resolution (e.g., if it was issued close to the call's deadline), they may send a copy via email to [cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it](mailto:cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it) no later than seven consecutive calendar days after the call deadline. The resolution must have been adopted before the deadlines mentioned above and must include:

- a) the names of the Proponent and the proposed Visiting Professor
- b) the expected period of the visit
- c) the Council's approval to host the Visiting Professor and grant them the status of visiting professor or visiting researcher in case of funding
- d) the Department's commitment to providing adequate hospitality, including space, equipment, and services.

3. Before submitting the application, the proponent must review and be aware of the [University's guidelines on "dual-use" research in collaborations outside the European Union](#).

4. Failure to provide even one of the listed documents will result in exclusion from scientific evaluation by the Commission and from this call.



5. The application may also include a signed declaration from the Visiting Professor attesting to any risk exposure related to their research activity. If present, this declaration must be countersigned by the proposing faculty member for acknowledgment.

**ART. 5. Causes of exclusion from the selection process**

1. Funding applications submitted will not be considered eligible:
  - a) through methods and channels other than those provided for in the article 4;
  - b) beyond the deadline provided for in the article 4;
  - c) by a proposer who does not meet the requirements set forth in the article 2;
  - d) by a proposer who has submitted another application for visiting professors within the framework of this selection process;
  - e) to invite a visiting professor who is retired;
  - f) to invite a visiting professor who has resided or carried out their main activity in Italy for more than twelve months, even non-consecutively, in the three years preceding the application deadline;
  - g) to invite a visiting professor who has been proposed within this selection process by another proposer as well;
  - h) also, within the framework of the 2025 Visiting Professors Call (both in reference to the proposer and the visiting professor);
  - i) with resolutions not received within the deadlines and/or not in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 of this call;
2. Applications deemed ineligible pursuant to this article will not be evaluated by the committee.

**ART. 6. Selection Committee**

1. The applications will be evaluated by an internal Selection Committee appointed by the Magnificent Rector, which will create a ranking of the proposals deserving funding until the available funds are exhausted.
2. The Committee will also create a ranking of proposals deemed worthy of approval but not eligible for funding due to the exhaustion of available budget funds (so-called reserve list).
3. In the event of withdrawal or inability to carry out the visit by the visiting professors included in the ranking of fundable proposals, or in case of additional availability of funds, the so-called *reserve list* will be utilized.

**ART. 7. Evaluation Criteria**

1. The applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:





a) Experience and authority of the visiting professor in the relevant scientific field, assessed, when possible, according to international standards related to their publication	From 1 to 5 points
b) Clarity of the objectives of the joint research and/or teaching activities and expected results	From 1 to 10 points
c) Feasibility of the scientific and/or teaching activity plan to be carried out during the stay	From 1 to 5 points
d) Ability of the project to strengthen international collaborations	From 1 to 5 points
e) Possible exposure to risk of the visiting professor based on the submitted declaration	From 1 to 3 points
f) Contribution to the cooperation between Sapienza and the visitor's institution in the field of cooperation and development	From 1 to 3 points
g) Absence of funding received by the proposer and/or the visiting professor within the framework of previous Sapienza Visiting Professors calls in 2022, 2023, and/or 2024 <sup>2</sup> .	From 1 to 5 points No funding received - 5 points Funding received in one of the indicated years - 2 points Funding received in two of the indicated years - 1 point Funding received in all three of the indicated years - 0 points

2. Applications that have obtained a minimum score of 20/36 will be eligible for funding.

3. The Evaluation Committee prepares:

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<sup>2</sup> The absence of funding in the indicated years results in the maximum score being awarded for the criterion



- the lists of applications deemed ineligible for funding, following the evaluation, highlighting insufficient scores;
  - the ranking of eligible projects in descending order of total score, indicating possible origin from Middle Eastern regions.
4. In order to comply with the requirement to allocate at least 45.4% of the budget to visiting professors from institutions in the Middle East, priority will be given to assigning the six grants provided for in Article 2.4 for Palestine. Subsequently, the remaining four grants will be allocated for the Middle East. Finally, the remaining twelve grants will be awarded based on the highest score in the ranking, regardless of the region of origin. If these resources cannot be assigned due to a lack of eligible applications, the unallocated amount may be awarded to other eligible candidates who meet the requirements set forth in this call.
5. In the event of a tie in total score, priority will be given to the application that has received a higher score in relation to criterion (e). If the tie persists, priority will then be given to the application that has received a higher score in relation to criterion (a), following the numerical order of the technical-scientific merit criteria.

**ART. 8. *Duration of the visit***

1. The visits funded under this procedure will have a duration of 90 days from the allocation of funding and must, in any case, be completed by 31.12.2026.

**ART. 9. *Obligations prior to the start of the visit***

1. The hosting department, in case of approval of the application, must provide confirmation of the start and end dates of the visit to the designated email address [cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it](mailto:cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it).
2. The Department must grant the visiting professor, through a Director's Decree, the status of *visiting professor* or *visiting researcher*, which will be recognized for the entire duration of the activities to be carried out at Sapienza.
3. Upon arrival, the visiting professor must provide proof to the Department of having appropriate health insurance coverage, including accident and liability insurance. If the professor does not have such coverage, the Department may contact the University Facilities Services Area—Foundations, Donations, and Insurance Services Sector, Office for Asset Enhancement and Sustainability, Heritage and Sustainability Area (email: [assicurazioniateneo@uniroma1.it](mailto:assicurazioniateneo@uniroma1.it)). The related cost will be deducted from the total granted contribution.



**ART. 10. Obligations regarding the conduct of the visit**

1. The Proponent and the Visiting Professor must carry out joint research and/or teaching activities in compliance with the objectives and the activity plan described in the approved proposal.
2. The duration of the visit will be 90 days and must be carried out continuously.
3. Upon arrival, the Department will have the Visiting Professor sign the "Declaration of compliance with Sapienza Fundamental Values and Principles of Open Science, Ethics, Security for Visiting Professor Call Participation".
4. The Visiting Professor who is unable to carry out the planned visit cannot be replaced, as the contribution is nominative. In such cases, the hosting Department must take prompt action:
  - immediate notification must be sent to the Office for International Research Planning and Management, Research Services Area (ASER) at the designated email address [cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it](mailto:cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it);
  - the prompt refund of the received contribution to the Accounting, Finance, and Payroll Area (ARCOFIS).

**ART. 11. Obligations following the completion of the visit**

1. The hosting department must, within 30 days of the conclusion of the visit, submit the following documents to the Office for International Research Planning and Management, Research Services Area (ASER) at the email address [cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it](mailto:cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it):
  - a) scientific report on the activities carried out, signed by the Visiting Professor;
  - b) a copy of the Director's Decree granting the Visiting Professor the *status* of *visiting professor* or *visiting researcher*, specifying the period of stay at Sapienza, including the start and end dates of the visit.

**ART. 12. Publication**

1. The call and the results of the selection procedure will be published on the university website at the following address: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/bando-professori-visitatori>
2. The communications regarding the funded applications will be sent via email to the Proponents and the Visiting Professors, as well as, for information, to the Directors and RADs of the relevant Departments.

**ART. 13. Person responsible for the procedure and references**

1. Pursuant to Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, the Person Responsible for the Procedure under this call is Dr. Daniela Magrini, Sapienza University of Rome, Research Services Area, Scientific Cooperation and Networks Sector - Tumminelli Building, ground floor, P.le Aldo Moro, 5, 00185 Rome, tel. 06 06 4991 0435, email: [cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it](mailto:cooperazionepvs@uniroma1.it)



#### **ART. 14. *Processing of personal data***

1. The processing of personal data is governed by European Regulation No. 679 of April 27, 2016 – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), as well as the applicable national legislation.
2. The personal data provided by candidates in their applications for participation in the selection process are processed exclusively for the purposes of managing this call, both digitally and manually. The provision of such data is mandatory for the assessment of participation requirements; failure to provide them will result in exclusion from the selection process.
3. The legal basis for processing is identified pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 679/2016.
4. The information notice is adopted pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 679/2016.
5. Candidates are granted the rights established in Articles 15 and following of the aforementioned EU Regulation 2016/679, particularly the right to access their personal data (if applicable), the right to request its correction, deletion (provided it does not conflict with current regulations on data retention and the necessity to protect the University and professionals involved in case of legal disputes), or restriction of processing, as well as the right to object to its processing. Individuals who believe that the processing of their personal data violates the provisions of the European Regulation have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority or to take legal action in the appropriate venues, according to applicable regulations. The data will be retained (in paper and digital format) for as long as necessary to achieve the aforementioned purposes, in compliance with national and European legislation (General Data Protection Regulation (EU)).
6. The Data Controller and Processor is Dr. Ciro Franco – Head of the Office for International Research Planning and Management. Contact details: email address: [ciro.franco@uniroma1.it](mailto:ciro.franco@uniroma1.it) / PEC: [protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it](mailto:protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it)  
The Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at the following email address.: [responsabileprotezionedati@uniroma1.it](mailto:responsabileprotezionedati@uniroma1.it) and pec: [rpd@cert.uniroma1.it](mailto:rpd@cert.uniroma1.it)
7. The possibility of communication and/or transfer of the collected data abroad is excluded.

#### **Art. 15. *Submission rule***

For matters not expressly covered by this call, the provisions set out in the regulations cited in the preamble of this decree, as well as the applicable laws in force, shall apply.



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Annex as an integral part:

- Declaration of Compliance