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CALL FOR FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PERIODS FOR PHD STUDENTS OF THE 39TH AND 40TH CYCLE

– Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli studenti –

R.D. no. 1744/2025

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO	Law no. 168 of 9 May 1989;
HAVING REGARD TO	Legislative Decree no. 165 of 30 March 2001, as amended;
HAVING REGARD TO	Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;
HAVING REGARD TO	the Statute of the University of Rome "La Sapienza", issued by Rectoral Decree no. 3689 of 29 October 2012, as amended;
HAVING REGARD TO	the Regulation on Doctoral Studies, Rectoral Decree no. 1150 of 20 May 2024;
HAVING REGARD TO	the directive no. 1435 of 28 March 2013 assigning to Area Directors the financial, technical, and administrative management of budgets, including the final formal adoption of acts binding the administration externally, through autonomous spending authority;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Board of Directors no. 408 of 17 December 2024 regarding the restructuring of university services by processes;
HAVING REGARD TO	the directive of the General Director no. 5009 of 20 December 2024 reorganizing university services and the corresponding organizational chart;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Board of Directors no. 391 of 17 December 2024 approving the single annual authorized budget for 2025;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Board of Directors no. 392 of 17 December 2024 approving the three-year forecast budget for 2025–2027;
HAVING REGARD TO	the directive no. 172/2025 of 28 January 2025 assigning the 2025 budget;
HAVING REGARD TO	Law Decree 105/2003, converted into Law 170/2003, particularly Article 1 establishing a Fund to support youth and promote student mobility;
CONSIDERING	that the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) annually allocates to the University, under the aforementioned Fund, a contribution aimed at supporting international student mobility;
HAVING REGARD TO	resolution no. 4/2025 adopted in the Senate session of 21 January 2025, by which the Academic Senate mandated the Commission (appointed with Rectoral Decree no. 3056/2024, Prot. no. 0190733 of 14 November 2024) to define new selection criteria for the call funding

HAVING REGARD TO	international mobility periods for PhD students of the 39th and 40th cycles; resolution no. 81/2025 adopted in the Senate session of 8 April 2025, approving the new selection criteria for the Call for funding of international mobility periods for phd students of the 39th and 40th cycle;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree no. 1170/2024, allocating the 2024 Ordinary Financing Fund (FFO), assigned to Sapienza the amount of €2,900,730.00 as its share of the <i>Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli studenti</i> , intended for the initiatives specified in Article 1 (letter a) of Legislative Decree 105/2003, converted with amendments by Law no. 170/2003, in support of international mobility (Table 5 – 2024 Youth Fund Allocation – Annex 3, Ministerial Decree 773/2024), of which €500,000.00 were specifically allocated to support mobility for students enrolled in a PhD program at Sapienza;
HAVING REGARD TO	the note on the reassignment of residual funds, Prot. no. 0039355 of 18 March 2025;
HAVING REGARD TO	budget adjustment no. 49043/2025 of 4 June 2025, allocating €500,000.00 to account UA.S.001.DRD.ARDIS.FPL - A.C.01.01.030.010 "Student Mobility and Cultural Exchange Programs" – accounting project MUR_BANDO_PhD_2023;
ACKNOWLEDGING	the total available budget of €662,237.00 on account A.C.01.01.030.010 – project 282573_MUR_BANDO_MOBILITA_PHD_2023 – Call for PhD Mobility Grants 2023, financial year 2025 – account UA.S.001.DRD.ARDIS.FPL;
HAVING REGARD TO CONSIDERING	DDA no. 2656/2025, Prot. no. 83289 of 12 June 2025; that the financial coverage of the expenditure is confirmed by the statement prepared by ARCOFIS, attached as an integral part of the provision mentioned above.

DECREES

Art. 1 – Purpose of the Call

Within the framework of the "*Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli studenti*" established by Law No. 170/2003, a competitive selection procedure is hereby launched to fund international study and research mobility periods for PhD students regularly enrolled in doctoral programs at Sapienza University in the 39th and 40th cycles.

Only PhD students regularly enrolled at Sapienza are eligible to participate in this call. In the case of inter-university doctoral programs with alternating administrative headquarters between Sapienza and another partner university, only students who are formally enrolled at Sapienza in the relevant cycles (39th and 40th) may apply.

Art. 2 – Eligible Mobility Periods

“Mobility periods” are defined as study or research stays carried out at public or private institutions, whether academic or non-academic, with a registered office and location in a foreign country, lasting **3 months (minimum 89 – maximum 91 days)**, and to be conducted continuously starting from **November 1, 2025**.

The stay abroad must end no later than the date of the final PhD examination and, **in any case, by December 31, 2026**.

The awarding of the “mobility grant” under this call is compatible and cumulative with the 50% increase in the regular doctoral scholarship for scholarship holders and non-holders alike, including recipients of scholarships funded through PNRR resources (see Art. 8, paragraph 8 of the [Regulation on Doctoral Studies](#))¹.

The awarding of the mobility grant does not preclude the possibility for PhD students to partially fund their stay abroad using the resources referred to in Art. 8, paragraph 12 of the Regulation (so-called “10% budget”, increased to 20% for those enrolled in National Doctorates, allocated by individual departments).

Art. 3 - Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, **between June 16, 2025, and no later than 12:00 PM on July 16, 2025, exclusively by completing** the appropriate form available **on the Infostud platform**. **Candidates must log in with their personal credentials, go to the "PhD Programs" section, and select Mobility Call.**

Once the application is submitted, it cannot be reopened or modified.

Applications submitted through other methods or channels will not be considered.

The application must include, under penalty of exclusion:

- a) a concise description (max 5,000 characters including spaces) of the study or research project to be carried out at the foreign host institution, clearly indicating the host institution and the reasons for its selection;
- b) bibliography;
- c) prior authorization signed by the PhD Program Coordinator, approving the study or research stay at the host institution and its indicated duration (expressed in months, and in any case no less than 3 full months (90 days)², as per Article 2);
- d) acceptance letter signed by the foreign host institution.

Templates for items (c) and (d) can be downloaded, completed, and uploaded via the application portal itself.

¹ The scholarship increase and/or the financial support mentioned above must be requested by following the standard procedure indicated at the following page:
<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/frequentare-un-dottorato>

² In the event of stays longer than 3 months, the online application form must indicate only the 3 months (90 days) for which funding is requested. If the study/research period abroad exceeds the 3 months specified in the call, the grant will be awarded only for 3 months (90 days) starting from November 1, 2025.

Please note that Sapienza is part of the CIVIS network, which offers students opportunities for exchange and mobility within an integrated European university space.

For more information and to view the list of member universities (which may serve as host institutions), please visit:

<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/mobilita-civis>.

Art. 4 – Selection Criteria and Rankings

Applications will be divided into six scientific-disciplinary macro-areas, corresponding to the academic structure of the University Senate. A portion of the total available budget will be allocated to each macro-area in proportion to the number of applications received.

As a result, six separate rankings will be drawn up.

Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee appointed by Rectoral Decree. The Committee will assign each application a score based on the following criteria:

- Up to 30 points (out of 50) for the project description, based on scientific relevance, innovation, clarity and coherence, and added value of conducting the activity abroad.
- Up to 15 points (out of 50) for the reputation of the host institution, assessed using the QS World University Ranking by subject³ (for universities), the SCIMAGO Ranking by subject⁴ (for research institutions), or institutional relevance (for non-academic bodies). The specific criteria for assigning these points will be established during the Committee's inaugural meeting. The relevant subject area for each application will be determined by the Committee in alignment with the proposed project.
- Up to 5 points (out of 50) for mobility to countries with a high cost of living.
- PhD students who receive a score of at least 30/50 in the evaluation will be considered eligible.

In the event of a tie, the younger candidate will be given priority.

Grants will be awarded to eligible candidates in order of score and until the available funds for each of the six rankings are exhausted.

Art. 5 – Acceptance of the Mobility Grant

Candidates included in the final merit ranking must accept the mobility grant by logging into the Infostud platform with their credentials, going to the "PhD Programs" section, and selecting Mobility Call, within 5 days of the publication of the decree approving the competition results. The decree, which includes the names of the selected candidates, will be published at the following link:

<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/internazionalizzazione-dei-dottorati>

Failure to accept the grant within the indicated timeframe will be considered a withdrawal. No individual notifications will be sent to the winners.

³ <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings>

⁴ <https://www.scimagoiber.com/institutions.php>

Art. 6 – Financial Contribution and Payment Procedures

The monthly amount granted to each PhD student will be:

- €700.00 for scholarship holders;
- €1,800.00 for non-scholarship holders.

These amounts are gross, subject to any deductions required by applicable law.

The University will proceed with the payment of the grant before the start of the mobility, only after the upload within the same application platform of the authorization note from the PhD program coordinator indicating the exact continuous period of stay abroad (including start and end dates); and a copy of the outbound travel ticket⁵.

At the end of the mobility period, the grantee must upload to the PhD platform a certificate of completion issued and duly signed by the host institution abroad, clearly indicating the actual dates of the mobility period completed.

Failure to submit this document authorizes the University to request the reimbursement of the mobility grant already disbursed.

Art. 7 – Repayment of the Grant

Any PhD student who, before completing the mobility period, withdraws from their doctoral program or incurs any of the disqualification or exclusion conditions set out in the University Regulations on doctoral studies must interrupt the research stay and upload the documents specified in Article 6.

If the actual period spent abroad is less than 3 months, the entire amount of the grant must be repaid.

In the event that a selected PhD student renounces or is unable to carry out the mobility period abroad, they will be replaced by the next candidate in the merit ranking, provided that the substitute candidate still meets all the eligibility requirements set out in the call and that it is still possible to complete a 3-month mobility period before the final deadline of December 31, 2026.

Art. 8 – Insurance Coverage

Each grant recipient will be covered by insurance for accidents and third-party liability provided by Sapienza University. This insurance will only cover incidents that occur during authorized study and research activities.

For health coverage, each grant holder must possess a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or other valid health insurance recognized in the destination country.

If the host country does not have a reciprocal health agreement with Italy, it is necessary to contact Sapienza's insurance office to activate specific health coverage for the period abroad.

Art. 9 – Responsible Officer

⁵ The outbound travel ticket may be dated prior to the official start of the mobility period covered by this procedure, provided that the total duration of the study stay exceeds 3 months (90 days).

In accordance with Article 5 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, the officer responsible for the administrative procedure related to this call is Dr. Samantha Maruzzella (samantha.maruzzella@uniroma1.it).

Art. 10 – Personal Data Processing

The processing of personal data will be carried out either on paper or electronically, exclusively by staff authorized to handle data as per their assigned duties and responsibilities, and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, and necessity.

The data will be retained for the time required to complete the selection procedure and fulfill all legal obligations.

At any time, data subjects may exercise their rights under Articles 15 and following of the GDPR, including access to their personal data, correction, supplementation, deletion, limitation of processing, and the right to object to the processing.

Data subjects also retain the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority under Article 77 of the GDPR.

Art. 11 – Final Provisions

For all matters not expressly provided for in this call, the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations referred to in the preamble of this decree, as well as all relevant national legislation, shall apply.

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Signed: THE RECTOR
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