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**CALL FOR THE FINANCING OF MOBILITY ABROAD  
OF PHD STUDENTS OF THE  
XXXVII AND XXXVIII CYCLE**  
*MUR Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli  
studenti*

**THE RECTOR**

- **Having regard to** Law n. 168 of May 9, 1989;
- **Having regard to** Legislative Decree n. 165 of March 30, 2001 and further modifications and amendments;
- **Having regard to** Law n. 240 of December 20, 2010;
- **Having regard to** Sapienza University Statute, issued by R.D n. 3689 of October 29, 2012;
- **Having regard to** D.D n. 1435 of March 28, 2013 which allocates to the Area Directors the financial, technical and administrative budget management, included the definite implementation of documents which open such administration providing spending power autonomy;
- **Having regard to** the resolution of the Board of Governors n. 420 of December 19, 2022 which approved the 2023 University budget annual prevision;
- **Having regard to** the D.D. n. 113 of January 13, 2023 which allocated the budget for the year 2023;
- **Having regard to** the L.D.105/2003, changed by L.170/2003, specifically by art. 1, which establish the Fund to support young people and promote students mobility;
- **Considering** that MUR allocates to the University a yearly contribution from the aforementioned Fund to promote and encourage international mobility for University students;
- **Having regard to** the allocation of the Youth Fund to public Universities for the year 2022 as for M.D. n 581 of June 28, 2022 which allocated € 350.000,00 to the financing of Sapienza PhD students mobility;
- **Having regard to** Sapienza co-financing deliberated on the approval of the 2023 University Budget corresponding to € 250.000,00 to be



invested in the implementation of the number of PhD students mobility scholarships available;

- **Ascertained** a total budget availability corresponding to € 600.000,00 on the A.C.01.01.030.010 – Programmi di mobilità e scambi culturali studenti – esercizio 2023 - UA.S. 001.DRD.AROF.FPL – progetto contabile: MIUR\_BANDO\_PhD\_2023 bank account;
- **Having regard to** the Academic Programmes and Education Welfare Area Director arrangement n. 2671/2023 of June 14, 2023 which organised the fund € 600.000,00 - A.C.01.01.030.010 – Programmi di mobilità e scambi culturali studenti - esercizio 2023 - UA.S. 001.DRD.AROF.FPL – progetto contabile: MIUR\_BANDO\_PhD\_2023

## DECREES

### Art. 1 – Subject of the Call

Within the scope of the Fund to support young people and promote students mobility (*Fondo per il sostegno dei giovani e per favorire la mobilità degli studenti*) – law n. 170/2003 - it is announced a competition to financing mobility abroad to study and research in favour of PhD students regularly enrolled at Sapienza for the XXXVII and XXXVIII cycle.

### Art. 2 – Mobility Periods

Mobility periods are to be considered the stays abroad in public or private institutions, academic or non-academic, attended by PhD students for research or study activities, which are located and have offices abroad, of **three months** duration, without interruption starting from **November 1, 2023**.

The stay abroad must be completed within the PhD thesis discussion date and no later than December 31, 2024.

The mobility scholarship in this call is compatible and can be aggregated with the 50% increase of the regular PhD scholarships for PhD Scholarships holders (also winners of scholarships funded by the PNRR resources) and with the economic support for research and study periods abroad granted to PhD students without scholarship (enrolled from the 38<sup>th</sup> cycle) – Cfr art. 8, ph. 8 of [PhD regulations](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Benefiting from the mobility scholarship does not exclude that the PhD students fund part of their research or study period abroad with funds from art. 8, ph. 12 of the Regulations (Budget of 10% raised by 20% for students enrolled in National PhDs, allocated by each Department).

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<sup>1</sup> The requests for the increase of the scholarship/support shall occur according to the procedure stated at: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/frequentare-un-dottorato>



### **Art. 3 - Application**

The applications shall be submitted by 12.00 of **September 1, 2023** by filling the form at <https://phd.uniroma1.it/mobilita/application>. Candidates must login with their own student ID.

Applications submitted in different modalities will not be accepted.

Candidates must attach to the application the following digital documents, in PDF format, under penalty of exclusion:

- a) Brief Description of the activity (study or research) to conduct at the host international institution (one-page max. bibliography excluded);
- b) Prior authorisation signed by the PhD programme Coordinator which authorises the students stay or activity at the international institution for the agreed period (expressed in months);
- c) Acceptance letter from the international host institution.

Please note that Sapienza is part of CIVIS, the European Universities integrated networks providing students with mobility and exchange opportunities.

Find further information on the CIVIS Universities which could be a possible destination for the activity of this Call at <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/mobilita-civis>.

### **Art. 4 – Selection Criteria and Ranking**

The applications will be divided into the 6 Academic Sectors macro areas that compose the Academic Senate. For each area is allocated a portion of the total budget defined proportionally to the number of applications received for that specific macro area.

Therefore, there will be 6 different rankings.

An Evaluation Committee appointed by Rector's Decree will evaluate the applications as follows:

- max 30 points out of 50 for the description of the activity according to the following criteria: scientific relevance, innovation, logicity and clarity, value added by the international experience;
- max 15 points out of 50 for the placement of the host institution on QS World University Ranking<sup>2</sup> (for Universities), WEBOMETRICS<sup>3</sup> (for research institutions) and institutional relevance (for non-academic institutions). The criteria for these points will be defined during the Evaluation Committee meeting;

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2023>

<sup>3</sup> <https://research.webometrics.info>



- max 5 points out of 50 for stays in Countries with a high cost of living.

Candidates obtaining a minimum of 30/50 points will be considered suitable for the ranking. In the event of a tie the youngest candidates will prevail.

Candidates will be considered winners according to their position in the ranking, following the final score obtained by each candidate, until depletion of funds available for the 6 rankings.

#### **Art. 5 – Acceptance of the Mobility Scholarship**

Winning candidates shall accept the mobility scholarship on the platform <https://phd.uniroma1.it/mobilita/application/login.aspx> within 5 consecutive days from the publication of the official documents approval of the Call containing the name of the winners, published at <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/internazionalizzazione-dei-dottorati>.

Failure to accept within the limit provided will result in waiver from the candidate. Suitable candidates WILL NOT receive an official communication of the publication of the results.

#### **Art. 6 – Contribution and Supply Modalities**

The monthly amount paid to each PhD student corresponds to:

- € 700.00 for PhD scholarship holders
- € 1,800.00 for PhD non-scholarship holders

The amounts are to be understood gross from any duties set by current legislation.

The University will supply the contribution before the start of the mobility and after receiving the authorisation communication from the PhD programme Coordinator containing instructions on the duration of the period abroad (starting and ending date) and the outbound flight ticket. At the end of the mobility every student is required to deliver the signed statement of the conclusion of the mobility stay provided by the international host institution, which certifies the effective dates of the mobility abroad. Failure to deliver this document authorises the University to demand the return of the scholarships sums already paid.

#### **Art. 7 – Return of the scholarship**

Students who renounce to pursue, are excluded or forfeit the PhD according to the University Regulations during the mobility abroad must interrupt their stay and provide the documents as in art 6. If the stay is shorter than 3 months the amount of the scholarship received shall be returned.

Waiver or impossibility in conducting the period abroad from the suitable PhD students will result in their replacement following the order in the ranking provided that the following suitable candidates still hold the requirements stated in the Call and it is still possible to complete the 3 months stay abroad within December 31, 2024.

**Art. 8 – Insurance**

Sapienza will insure the winning candidates against accidents and civil liability. The insurance will only cover the accidents occurring during the research and study activities within the authorised periods.

As for the health insurance, every scholarship holder shall hold their European Health Insurance Card or a personal insurance valid in the country chosen for the stay. In the event the Country chosen does not have any health insurance agreement with Italy it is necessary to contact the insurance office to find proper coverage for the stay.

**Art. 9 –Supervisor of the proceeding**

Pursuant to Articles 5 of the Law of August 7, 1990, n. 241 the supervisor for the administrative procedure of this Call is Samantha Maruzzella ([samantha.maruzzella@uniroma1.it](mailto:samantha.maruzzella@uniroma1.it)).

**Art. 10 – Personal data treatment**

Personal data will be processed – on paper or digitally- only by the staff authorised to data treatment pursuant to their duties and lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject. Data will be stored no longer than necessary for the purposes of the procedure and in compliance with law. Pursuant to art 15 of the GDPR the owner of the data can exercise their right any time, in particular, access to their personal data, correction, supplementing, cancellation, restrictions and right to object, without prejudice to complain to the Italian Data Protection Authority, pursuant to art. 77 of the GDPR.

**Art. 11 – Referral Clause**

For anything not expressly stated in this Call please refer to the provisions in the regulations mentioned in the premises of this call, when applicable, and to the current regulations.

**RECTOR**

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