

Call for the award of mobility grants to Ph.D. candidates for spending research stays abroad - Year 2023 - funded by UniTO three-years Planning 2021-2023 approved by resolution 7/2021/11/1 by the Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The English translation of the Call is not binding for legal purposes. In the event of dispute or disagreements, the Italian version of the Call prevails.

ART. 1 OBJECT

The University of Torino launches a **Call for the award of mobility grants for Ph.D. candidates spending research stays abroad - Year 2023 -** in order to improve Ph.D. candidates' opportunities to carry out research periods abroad for at least 90 days, even non-continuous, at public or private international institutions of proper scientific and educational profile and/or to carry out field research. The deadline is 31st January 2023.

Mobility grants for spending research periods abroad shall be awarded for a total amount of \in 250,000.00. Available individual grants are articulated according to the following categories, **until the applicable fund is exhausted**:

- A. grant of € 4,000 for Ph.D candidates without scholarship, destination 1;
- B. grant of $\in 3,000$ for Ph.D candidates without scholarship, destination 2;
- C. grant of \in 2,000 for Ph.D candidates with scholarship, destination 1;
- D. grant of \in 1,500 for Ph.D candidates with scholarship, destination 2.

These grants are subject to INPS deduction and, consequently, the figures specified above are gross amounts.

The list of destinations is specified in annex A.

ART. 2 REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

In order to apply, Ph.D. candidates must:

- be properly enrolled in a Ph.D. Program whose administrative seat is at the University of Torino;



- keep their status as a Ph.D. candidate throughout the duration of the mobility. The achievement of the Ph.D. degree during the mobility period shall entail the loss of the grant and the return of the amount received:
- be in compliance with the Ph.D. fee payment;
- not be in an incompatible situation, as per Art. 3.

Applications forwarded by Ph.D. candidates who start or continue their mobility abroad from 1st January 2023 are permissible.

In order to apply, the Ph.D. candidate must spend at least 90 days abroad in 2023 and, in any case, within the legal deadline of the Program. These 90 days may not be consecutive. Those who have already spent part of their mobility abroad in 2022 or who continue in 2024 are permissible too, provided that they spend at least 90 days abroad in 2023 and are not in an incompatible situation, as per Art. 3 letter e.

The application deadline is 31st January 2023.

Applications must be sent by using the proper form available at this link:

https://forms.gle/x2RT9sXVbsvPZxZm8

Every application must contain Annex B properly filled in and signed by the applicant, and countersigned by the Supervisor and the PhD Coordinator.

Missing the deadline or sending incomplete applications and/or not using the proper form and link for sending the application will result in the exclusion from the selection.

The absence of any signature in Annex B will also result in an exclusion.

Every Ph.D. candidate may apply for only one mobility grant for research abroad.

ART. 3 INCOMPATIBILITY

Ph.D. candidates cannot apply if they:

- a) are supernumerary benefiting of a scholarship granted by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA);
- b) are research fellows;
- c) are UniTO Ph.D. candidates benefiting of Erasmus mobility scholarships for the same period;
- d) have already spent the maximum period admissible abroad, i.e. the half of the legal length of the Ph.D. course according to the following regulation: Regolamento per il funzionamento della Scuola di Dottorato e dei Corsi di Dottorato D.M. 226/2021 (D.R. n. 1789 del 20/04/2022)



ART. 4 SELECTION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The grants will be assigned following a ranking list made of those who comply with the requirements established in Art. 2, according to the following criteria in order of priority and until the available budget is exhausted:

- 1) Ph.D. candidates who have the possibility of obtaining their degree by 31 December 2023;
- 2) not having completed any period abroad, of at least 90 days, even non-continuous, prior to the stay for which the contribution is requested;
- 3) Ph.D. candidates without scholarship;
- 4) greater year of enrollment in the Ph.D. program;
- 5) minor age.

The results of the evaluation will be divided into:

- **ASSIGNED** status: winner of the mobility grant for research periods abroad;
- **EXCLUDED** status: ineligible for the contribution due to lack of one of the requirements (art. 2);
- **NOT ASSIGNED** status: eligible for the grant, but not assigned due to achievement of budget capacity.

For all those whom the grant will be assigned, the amount of the mobility contribution for research periods abroad will be indicated as defined in art. 1.

The results of the applications will be published on the University Register (<u>Albo di Ateneo</u>) and on the Doctoral School website_(<u>Sito della Scuola di Dottorato</u>), in the <u>Opportunities</u> section. No personal communication will be sent to applicants.

Any waiver of the contribution must be sent by email to the PhD Area (dottorati@unito.it) as soon as it is known that it will be impossible to carry out the planned period abroad.

The PhD Area reserves the right to contact the suitable non-grant assignees in the event of cancellations received by 31st May 2023.

ART. 5 TERMS AND METHODS FOR PAYMENT OF MOBILITY GRANTS FOR RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD

The mobility grant for research periods abroad will be paid in full to the winners prior to departure, compatibly with the technical times necessary to activate the payment procedure.

For those who start the mobility period in January and February 2023 and are successful, the contribution may also be paid after the start of the mobility period, in consideration of the time required for the assignment and payment procedure.



As proof that the research and/or training period has been carried out abroad, the recipients of the mobility grant must send to the PhD Area by 31 January 2024, by using the closing form, the declaration of completion of the minimum period of 90 days of mobility abroad (Annex C) duly filled in and signed by the applicant and countersigned by the Supervisor and the Coordinator.

The closing form is available at the following link:

https://forms.gle/oH5uhAjBRXTmMCcX6

Failure to fill in the Annex C and/or failure to carry out a research period abroad or carrying out a period of less than 90 days in the year 2023 will result in the loss of the right to receive the mobility grant and, if it has already been disbursed, the recovery of the entire amount.

ART. 6 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROCEEDINGS

The Responsible for the administrative proceedings regarding the selection process is the Head of the Research Division.

ART. 7 PRIVACY

Personal data provided by the applicants will be processed, pursuant to the EU Regulation n. 679 of 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR), for the execution of tasks outlined in this Call.

The complete information regarding the data processing method is available at the Turin University Policy Data webpage.