



# FAQ

**Call for Applications for the Award of Mobility  
Grants for Ph.D. Candidates for Research  
Periods Abroad – Years 2025 and 2026**



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## ELIGIBILITY ART.2.2 APPLICATIONS: CLARIFICATION ON LENGTH OF PERIODS ABROAD

### 1. I have not yet gone abroad during my Ph.D. Program, for how many days do I need to apply?

The aim of the Call is to be able to spend at least 180 days abroad in your Ph.D. Program. If you have never been abroad, on the date of publication of the Call, you must apply for a period of 180 days.

The 180 days may also not be consecutive, provided that they are completed by 31 December 2026.

**N.B:** If you apply for less than 180 days your application will not be accepted

### 2. I have already been abroad for another period (or more periods), for how many days do I need to apply?

The aim of the Call is to be able to spend at least 180 days abroad in your Ph.D. Program. In this case, you must count the periods that you have already completed abroad from the beginning of your doctorate until 15 June 2025 and claim a contribution for the difference between the maximum requestable (180 days) and the periods already completed.


Example 1: I have spent 60 days in Spain and 30 days in Ireland since the beginning of my PhD. I must apply for  $180 - (60+30) = 90$  days

In this case, the 90 days may also not be consecutive, provided that they are completed before 31 December 2026.

Example 2: I have spent 88 days in Venezuela since the beginning of my Ph.D. Program.

I must apply for  $180 - 88 = 92$  days

**N.B:** In this case, the contribution which may be awarded is 3 months maximum (90 days). Any shorter periods will count towards the total of 180 days but will not be eligible for financial support.



**3. I have already been abroad for short periods (conferences, summer schools, etc.). Do I have to take this into account when counting the time spent abroad?**

Periods abroad carried out prior to the publication of the Call (up to and including 15 June 2025) must be counted only if equal to or greater than 30 consecutive days.

Example: since the beginning of my Ph.D. Program I have spent 60 days in the United States, 10 days in Amsterdam for a course and 4 days in Berlin for a conference. I must apply for  $180 - 60 = 120$  days to make the contribution.

**4. I am already abroad at the time of the call, can I apply?**

Yes, you can apply for funding, but only for the period from the date of publication of the Call (16 June 2025). Previous periods are not eligible for support.

**N.B:** For the counting of days for which you can apply for the contribution, it is as described in FAQ 2 and 3.

**5. Overall, my period abroad will be more than 180 days, what date should I enter as the end of the period?**

Whether you have been abroad previously or the period starts after the publication of the Call, the end date should be the 180° day abroad.

In the case of entering a later date, remember that the periods that can be subject to the grant are only those that contribute to reaching 180 days.

Example: my period abroad will start on 1 November 2025 and end on 31 October 2026. In this case, the end date of the period will be 29 April 2026 (180° day).



## FILL IN THE APPLICATION

### 1. How should Annex B be signed?

Annex B must be signed by the applicant, the Supervisor and/or the Coordinator/Ph.D. Coordinator. The file can be signed with both digital and handwritten signatures (even mixed, as long as all signatures are visible/readable when opening the file).

### 2. I am a Ph.D. Candidate from a Ph.D. Program in agreement (or national interest) whose administrative seat is not UniTO. Who must sign Annex B?

Annex B must be signed by the applicant, the Supervisor (which in this case must be related to UniTO, otherwise the application is ineligible) and alternatively by the UniTO Representative for the Ph.D. Program in question or by the Coordinator/s of the Ph.D. Program at the administrative seat.

### 3. I am still unsure about the dates of my stay abroad or my destination. Can I apply?

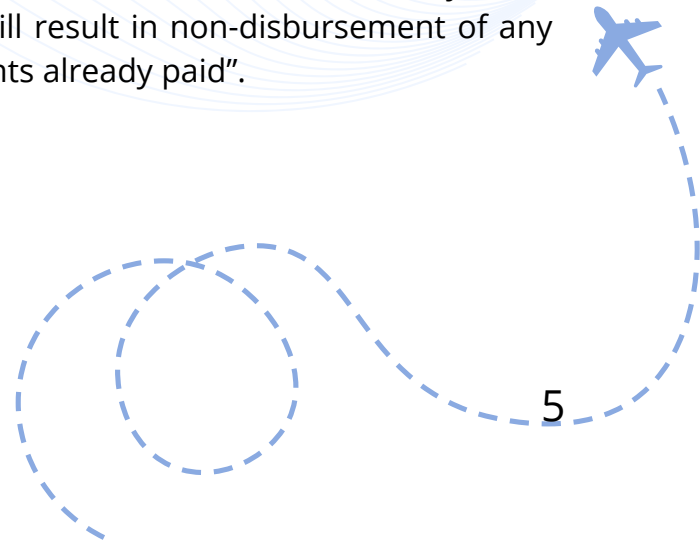
No, the contribution can be requested for periods already planned, in which you know the destination and the period in which you will go abroad (even if not necessarily already organized, that is to say, for which you have already opened a mission, bought an air ticket, etc.).

In case of changes, these must be communicated promptly to the Ph.D. Office.

Please note that "if the destination changes after the grant has been awarded or partially disbursed, the grant will only be recalculated if the new destination results in a lower amount".


In addition, "failure to carry out a research period abroad will result in the forfeiture of the grant, and if funds have already been disbursed, their recovery.

Mobility periods shorter than those declared will result in non-disbursement of any remaining grant and possible recovery of amounts already paid".





## TECHNICAL PROBLEMS



### 1. I cannot access the "Opportunities" page of the Doctoral School's website where the call is published, what should I do?

The "**Opportunities**" page is working, but depending on the times the page can be slow loading, due to the large amount of visits.

We apologize for the inconvenience, the page is monitored and technical support is alerted.

### 2. I can't access the Google Form, it tells me that I don't have permission. What should I do?

The Google Form for filling out the application is accessible **exclusively** with your **SCU Unito credentials (those of the mail @unito.it)**. It is not allowed to access through mail edu.unito or other personal mail.

In case of problems with your SCU credentials please contact the dedicated support.