



VISITING SCHOLAR 2015 “COLLEGIO MATTEO RICCI”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Introduction

Within the framework of its internationalization policies, the University of Macerata (UniMc) is hereby calling for applications with a view to fostering the incoming mobility of foreign scholars and researchers, with the objective of broadening and improving joined research activities during the academic years 2016/2017.

The aim of this call for applications is to encourage international mobility among Scholars as well as to develop or strengthen networks of collaboration among scholars around the world.

To develop the University internationalization policies it is hoped that the Visiting Professor will contribute to promote bilateral accords of cooperation between the University of Macerata and their home research institution, to take part in drafting joint research project with the research groups of UniMc to be submitted within the program Horizon 2020 and, eventually, to produce joint scientific publications with colleagues from UniMc.

Art. 1

Subject

The University of Macerata is hereby calling for applications with a view to awarding a total of 20 Visiting Scholar grants, n. 4 (four) for each Department of the University: 10 Visiting Scholar grants for the first semester (September 2016/January 2017) and 10 Visiting Scholar grants for the second semester (February /June 2017), **for a minimum period of continuous stay of 2 months** within the selected semester. The arrival is expected within the first week of October 2016 for the 1st semester and within the first week of March 2017 for the 2nd semester.

The above mentioned Visiting Scholar grants will be awarded to scholars from foreign universities or research institutes with extensive research experience. Scholars, during their stay at the "Collegio Matteo Ricci", will be required to collaborate with the Departments of the University, the Doctoral School and the "Giacomo Leopardi" School of Advanced Studies in order to carry out researches, hold seminars and workshops relating to the field of **"Research and social innovation"**. The proposed topic aims at providing a shared context for discussion and for establishing fruitful connections between the research activities of visiting scholars and the activities of the research community at the University of Macerata, in full compliance with the specific research interests of the applicants.

Art. 2

Requirements for applications

Applications can only be submitted by candidates who, at the time of submitting their application:

- hold a position as professor/researcher (in a university and/or foreign research institute)
- or
- hold a PhD and are employed on a postdoctoral research contract (in a university and/or foreign research institute).

Art. 3

Grants

The amount of the grant – net of Italian taxes - is € 3.000,00 for the whole length of the stay. Winners of grants will arrange and pay for all travel, meals and insurance expenses. The University of Macerata will arrange accommodation on residential colleges and will provide the Visiting Scholars with access to a fully equipped study and reading room within the hosting Department, free access to libraries, laboratories and to the university canteen.



Candidates coming from non-European countries can apply for an increase of the scholarship (up to € 400), which can be allocated in order to cover travel expenses.

The Selection Committee will then evaluate the requests after the analysis of the needed requirements and it will establish the amount of the integration.

Visiting Scholars will be supported by a Faculty Advisor from the Department in order to facilitate their full integration both into university and daily life.

60% of the grant will be paid at the beginning of the period while the remaining 40% will be paid at the end of the stay, upon submission of a final report, in English language, signed by the Department's Head and by the Delegate for Internationalization at the hosting Department.

Art. 4

Activities

During the selected period of stay, Visiting Scholars will be required to:

- carry out research activities on the proposed research topics within the hosting Department, in cooperation with research groups at the University of Macerata;
- provide at least 12 hours of lecturing, preferably in English language, according to the courses offered by the hosting Department, and two short seminars (one at the beginning and one at the end of the stay) in order to share research experiences and achievements.

In order to strengthen the participation of UniMC at international research networks it is required that the Visiting Scholar, at the end of the stay fulfils at least one of the following:

- the publication of a working paper to be published in a series edited by the University Printing Press;
- a scientific article to be published in an international journal, together with a researcher of UniMc.

The University of Macerata will do its utmost to facilitate and encourage interdisciplinary debate as well as cooperation between its academic staff and Visiting Scholars.

Art. 5

Applications

Applications must be submitted via the online form available at <http://www.unimc.it/it/ateneo/bandi-e-concorsi/borseattivitaticerca>.

Applications must be accompanied by:

- the indication of the Department where the candidate wishes to carry out her/his research activities. The detailed list of Departments is available at: <http://www.unimc.it/en/courses/departments-and-schools>
- a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae including relevant scientific qualifications, a list of publications, previous experiences within European/international projects and experiences as speaker at international conferences and/or workshops;
- a short description of applicant's current research activity (max. 500 words);
- a description of the research activities to be carried out during the stay in Macerata (max. 800 words), with special attention to the research topic specified by the present call for applications;
- a cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation for answering this call and describing possible synergies between the University of Macerata (if possible, with specific reference to its researchers or topics of research) and the applicant's research project (max. 400 words);
- a copy of a currently valid official ID document;
- the indication of the semester for which the candidate is applying;
- the candidate's indication of any disability.

Applications must be submitted no later than 14:00 on 30th October 2015.



Art. 6

Selection Committee

Applications will be evaluated by a Committee consisting of the Delegate for International Relations at the University of Macerata and of the respective Delegates of the Departments. The Committee will take into account the following criteria:

- candidate's curriculum vitae: relevant experiences and distinguished publications, which will be evaluated according to international criteria (max. 30 points);
- objectives and expected outcomes of the research activity (max. 30 points);
- impact of the research project and deriving synergies within the University of Macerata (max. 25 points);
- description of the research activities to be carried out during the stay (max. 15 points).

The Committee will shortlist candidates against the selection criteria, for each Department, taking into account the selected period of stay in order to ensure the presence of 10 Visiting Scholars during the first semester and 10 Visiting Scholars during the second semester. Suitable candidates will be placed on an order of merit and according to the selected Department. In case of renunciation, the subsequent candidates in the list will be admitted.

Other things being equal, higher priority will normally be ensuring a balanced distribution of projects across the proposed domains (European Research Council) and, as a second criterion, the equal geographical representation of candidates.

Information on the results of the call for applications will be published on the website <http://www.unimc.it/it/ateneo/bandi-e-concorsi/borseattivitaricerca>. **The winners will proceed to the signing of the contract by January 30, 2016.**

Art. 7

Financial aspects

The awarded grant is gross of any withholding tax and deduction and it does not include reimbursement of travel expenses, meals, costs associated with visa procedures for citizens from non-European countries as well as health insurance expenses. If possible, winners of grants may ask for the application of Double Taxation Agreements, providing the University of Macerata with the certification issued by their home country.

Art. 8

Transparency

This call for applications and the overall results of the evaluation will be published on the website: <http://www.unimc.it/it/ateneo/bandi-e-concorsi/borseattivitaricerca>.

The overall results will be also sent by email to the address provided on the application form.

This call for applications is published besides on the EURAXESS website as well as on the main scientific websites.

Art. 9

Manager of the administrative procedure

Pursuant to law no. 241 of August 7th, 1990, the manager in charge of the administrative procedure for this call is Dr Cinzia Raffaelli, Research and Internationalization Area, Via Don Minzoni, 17 – 62100 Macerata (Italy); telephone +39.0733.2582843; e-mail: c.raffaelli@unimc.it.

Art.10

Processing of personal data

Any personal data provided by participants will exclusively be used for the application procedures, according to the provisions of Italian Law Decree 196/2003. The provision of personal



data is essential in processing candidates' applications. If information is not provided, candidates' applications will be rejected.

In accordance with the above mentioned Italian Law Decree, the applicant has the right to access, rectify, modify and delete personal data which are wrong, incomplete or which have not been collected in accordance with the above mentioned Italian Law Decree.

Art. 11

Final provisions

Issues not covered in this call for applications shall be regulated by relevant compatible legislation currently in force.

Macerata, 15th June 2015

Rector
Professor Luigi Lacché