

Selection call for the Assignment of Research Scholarships for 3 Visiting Scholars of Palestinian nationality

Art. 1 - Objectives

The University of Milano-Bicocca promotes measures to support the Palestinian scientific community. With the resolutions of the Board of Directors of 23/05/2024 and 16/07/2024, the activation of specific measures to support scholars of Palestinian nationality has been approved, up to a total amount of 75,000 euros on the budget of the central Administration, of which 50% will be co-financed by Rectorate funding.

Three Research Grants, with a minimum duration of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months, may be awarded to scholars of Palestinian nationality working at Universities or Research Centres, with the aim of allowing them to continue their research and/or teaching activities at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

Palestinian Visiting Scholars will carry out their activity at a Department of the University of Milano-Bicocca, in line with the University Visiting Scholar regulations (as per the Rectoral Decree no. 3090/2018 on 21 June 2018).

The stay can begin when acceptance of the application has been confirmed by the International Affairs Sector and, in all cases, must end by 31 December 2025. Any exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Art. 2 - Admission requirements

The following teachers and/or researchers with the listed prerequisites may participate in the procedure:

- have Palestinian nationality, and are working at foreign universities or research centers;
- have an adequate knowledge of English (level B2) or Italian (level B1);
- appurtenance to a scientific-disciplinary area compatible with the research and teaching activities of the University.

Art. 3 – Activities and financial support

Candidates selected for Visiting Scholar positions will spend a period of at least 3 months and a maximum of 12 months, in person, to carry out research and/or teaching activities according to a program agreed with the host Department, and will be able to enjoy the following benefits:

- Acquisition of the University Visiting Scholar status;
- Possibility of using a workstation at the host Department;
- Access to the University Library;
- Access to university residences in the first three months of their arrival.

Each quarterly research grant amounts to gross €6,250.00 and can be renewed up to a maximum of 12 months. The host structure may eventually decide whether to integrate the

research grant based on its own assessments and availability. The specific payment methods will be communicated to the beneficiaries.

Art. 4 - Application presentation

Applications will be submitted by the Department of the University of Milano-Bicocca that will host the Visiting Scholar using exclusively the online form available at the following address: <https://forms.gle/2QSkcVVP7dtY9htY9>

Applications will be accepted starting from the date of publication of the call until funds run out and in any case no later than October 31, 2024. The following documents must be attached to the application in PDF format:

1. Letter of acceptance by the Visiting Scholar;
2. Curriculum Vitae of the Visiting Scholar, with a list of publications over the last 5 years;
3. Photocopy of the Visiting Scholar's valid passport;
4. Description of the research activities and duration of the period of stay in months;
5. Resolution of the Council or Decree of the Director of the Department of the host University, approving the application of the Visiting Scholar and, if applicable, indicating the budget and the fund made available for each individual Scholar; if there are multiple applications, priority must be indicated.

All documents must be submitted in English or Italian.

No other forms of submission of applications or documentation pertinent to participation in the procedure will be permitted.

The Administration reserves the right to consider applications received after the submission deadlines indicated above only in the event that the positions covered by this announcement are not entirely assigned.

The commission reserves the right to require further documentation if deemed necessary.

Art. 5 – Selection methods and criteria

The evaluation of the applications received will be carried out by a special Commission appointed by the University based on the following criteria, in the order given below:

1. formal completeness of the application submitted;
2. overall length of stay and any (not mandatory) co-financing by the University Department;
3. age of the candidate with the intent of supporting the Junior Scholars;
4. timing of registration of the application.

If the evaluation is positive, applications will be accepted as long as available funding is available.

Art. 6 – Activation of the Research Grant

Following notification of the award of the Research Grant, Visiting Scholars will be required to agree on the beginning date of the Fellowship with the host Department.

In the event of withdrawal, or in the event of failure to contact the host Department, the Administration reserves the right to reassign the contribution, following the order of ranking.

During the period of stay at the University of Milano-Bicocca, beneficiaries must not hold similar positions in another University or in a Research Centre on the Italian territory. At the end of the period of stay at the University, the Visiting Scholar will be required to submit a report of the research and/or teaching activities carried out to the host Department.

Art. 7 – Protection of private data

Pursuant to the Legislative Decree of 30 June 2003, no. 196 and EU Regulation 679/2016, the processing of personal data provided or otherwise acquired by the University is aimed solely at carrying out this selection and will be carried out by authorized personnel, with the use of computerized procedures, in the ways and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes. The data will be stored in compliance with the rules concerning storage of administrative documentation. The Data Controller is the University of Milano-Bicocca in the person of the Rector, Legal Representative, with headquarters in Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1, Milan.

The information on data processing, relating to the processes of the Personnel Area, is available on the dedicated page of the institutional website at the link www.unimib.it/privacy.

Art. 8 – Dispute resolution

This announcement has been translated into English for information purposes only. For the application and resolution of any dispute and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version is valid.

Art. 9 – Person responsible for the procedure and dissemination

The person responsible for the procedure is Dr. Agnese Cofler - Head of the International Affairs Sector of the University of Milano-Bicocca.

This announcement, including the attachments and the outcome of the selection will be available on the University website at <https://www.unimib.it/internazionalizzazione/iniziativa-internazionali/universita-inclusiva> (the publication will be the only means of publicity; no personal communications, neither written or by telephone, will be made). **The outcome of the selection will be communicated to the beneficiaries and the Departments concerned.**

For further information, you may contact the International Promotion and Communication Office, at the email address refugees@unimib.it.

Art. 10 – Final provisions

For all matters not covered by this announcement, current pertinent legislation and University regulations apply.

The Rector
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(digitally signed according to Art. 24 of D.Lgs. 82/05)

