

Subject: 14th edition call for the awarding of international mobility grants to students enrolled in PhD courses at the University of Pavia

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- Given the allocation of the Fund to support young students and the promotion of student mobility, the scientific degree programme, and plans for student orientation and tutoring referred to in Article 4 of Ministerial Decree 989 of 25/10/2019
- Given Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021: "Regulation regarding the procedures for the accreditation of doctoral locations and the courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies"
- Given the compliant university regulations on PhDs at the University of Pavia, n. 900 del 11/04/2022

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Art. 1 – Subject

As part of the Program to support young students and to promote the mobility of students, the selection for the assignment of international mobility scholarships, reserved for those enrolled in a PhD course at the University of Pavia, is now open.

Art. 2 – General rules

1. The mobility grants referred to in this call are aimed at financing research periods abroad **to begin no earlier than 01/01/2023 and no later than 30/06/2023.**
2. Given the total amount available, as well as the minimum monthly amount to be paid to each beneficiary, pursuant to Ministerial Decree n. 1047 of 29 December 2017, and also taking into account the **2021 ISEE university indicator** of each applicant (corresponding amounts shown in the table), the grants awarded may be used to finance research stays of a **minimum duration of one month and a maximum of five.**

ISEE	Minimum monthly amount for mobility scholarship
ISEE ≤ 13,000	€ 550
13,000 < ISEE ≤ 21,000	€ 500

21,000 < ISEE ≤ 26,000	€ 450
26,000 < ISEE ≤ 30,000	€ 400
30,000 < ISEE ≤ 40,000	€ 350
40,000 < ISEE ≤ 50,000	€ 300
ISEE > 50,000 or not presented	€ 250

Art. 3 – General requirements to participate in the selection

To participate in the selection, students must:

- be regularly enrolled in cycles XXXVI, XXXVII and XXXVIII of a PhD course with administrative headquarters at the University of Pavia;
- be authorized by the Faculty Board of their doctoral course to carry out the research period abroad;
- have been accepted by a research centre abroad.

Art. 4 – Submission of applications

Applications for participation are presented using the form available at <http://phd.unipv.it/bandomob14/> and must be submitted by email **by 14 December 2022** to bandomob.dottorandi@unipv.it along with the following documents:

- curriculum vitae*;
- summary description (maximum 1 page) of the research activity to be carried out at the host research facility, indicating the supervising faculty member. The document must be signed by the tutor;
- excerpt from the resolution of the Faculty Board or, alternatively, the emergency decree of the coordinator of the doctoral course, authorizing the research at the host research center for the period indicated;
- letter of acceptance from the supervising faculty member of the host research centre;
- 2021 ISEE university** form. Failure to submit the ISEE form will not result in the exclusion of the applicant, who will nevertheless be automatically included in the maximum income range;
- only in the event the PhD student has already received a mobility grant pursuant to the previous Rector's Decrees n. 2909/2021, 3440/2019, 948/2022 for the performance of the same project at the same location**, the applicant must attach a document prepared by the tutor in which the results achieved by the candidate

and the reasons justifying the continuation of the stay abroad **are clearly highlighted;**

- g. copy of a valid identity document.

Art. 5 – Selection of candidates

1. The selection of candidates is carried out by the School of Higher Doctoral Education of the University of Pavia, which may make use of the written opinion of qualified teachers.

2. The selection shall be by means of qualifications awarded according to the following parameters:

- a. the research project is awarded a maximum score of 17/30 according to the following criteria: originality and innovativeness, methodological rigor, consistency with the three-year individual research programme, and duration of the period of stay. If the project presented represents the continuation of a project for which mobility grants have already been awarded pursuant to the previous Rector's Decrees n. 3440/2019, 948/2020, and 370/2021, the results achieved by the candidate must be clearly highlighted by the tutor along with the reasons justifying continuation of the stay abroad;
- b. the candidate's curriculum is given a maximum score of 10/30 according to the following criteria: publications, teaching activities, information presented at conferences and seminars;
- c. a maximum score of 3/30 is awarded if the candidate has not benefited from a public or private scholarship or a research grant, or received any remuneration as a specialist, as an Executive PhD, as a doctoral student in apprenticeship, or as a public employee, or for any other similar position. This condition must be self-certified by the candidate.

3. PhD students who obtain at least 18/30 in the evaluation of qualifications will be considered for selection.

4. Applicants will be deemed eligible based on their scores and until the available funds are exhausted. The Commission reserves the right to favor candidates who have not benefited in the past from mobility grants awarded pursuant to the previous Rector's Decrees n. 2909/2021, 3440/2019, 948/2020, 370/2021 e 1385, and to increase the amount of the grants indicated in the table in Article 2 subsection 2 based on the score obtained.

The Commission also reserves the right to finance only part of the mobility period for which the applicant has applied.

5. The final ranking of merit and the amount of the mobility grant awarded will be published in the Official Register of the University and on the university website at: <http://phd.unipv.it/bandomob14/>.

Art. 6 – Acceptance of the grant and modification of the research period

1. At the same time as the publication of the ranking, the Research and Third Mission Service of the University of Pavia will communicate the outcome of the selection to the candidates by e-mail. Within five days of such communication, the candidate will be required to communicate his or her acceptance of the grant by e-mail addressed to bandomob.dottorandi@unipv.it.
2. After the five-day deadline, the candidate will be considered to have waived his or her acceptance.
3. Upon acceptance, the student must confirm the date of departure and return. If the dates do not coincide with those indicated in the application form, the PhD student is obliged to report this fact and to indicate the final dates, subject to the authorization of the Faculty Board or the Coordinator of the doctoral course.

Art. 7 – Student requirements during and at the end of the mobility period

1. Subject to authorization by the Faculty Board or the Coordinator of the doctoral course, the PhD student may interrupt the research stay prematurely or extend it. In such cases, the provisions of subsection 4 below shall apply, where appropriate.
2. Once the funded mobility period has ended, the student is required, within 15 days, to send the following documents by e-mail to bandomob.dottorandi@unipv.it:
 - a. self-certification by the PhD student regarding the actual days of stay at the foreign facility. The self-certification form can be found at: <http://phd.unipv.it/bandomob14/>;
 - b. a report signed by the student of the activities carried out;
 - c. a declaration signed by the supervising faculty member or the director of the host research center, which shows the actual presence of the student at the facility in the period covered by the scholarship.
3. Failure to submit the documents indicated authorizes the University of Pavia to request the restitution of the mobility grant.
4. If the dates refer to a longer period than that indicated in the application, the amount of the grant awarded shall remain unchanged. If the final period is shorter, the amount of the grant will be recalculated pursuant to Art. 2, subsection 2.

Art. 8 – Supplementary financial contributions by the university

1. The assignment of the mobility grant does not exclude the possibility of requesting an increase of 50% in the ordinary doctoral scholarship, pursuant to Art. 9, subsection 2 of Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013, in cases of permanence abroad of the doctoral student. The increase in the scholarship must be requested following the procedure indicated at [page http://phd.unipv.it/periodo-allestero-dei-dottorandi/](http://phd.unipv.it/periodo-allestero-dei-dottorandi/).
2. The assignment of the mobility grant does not exclude the possibility of the PhD student financing part of the research stay abroad with the funds referred to in Art. 4, subsection 1 letter d) of Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013 (the so-called 10% quota granted by the individual departments to doctoral students in the second and third year).
3. For the use of the funds referred to in the previous subsection, the authorization of the tutor or the Faculty Board is still required, and the reporting methods required by the individual departments remain unaffected.

Art. 9 – Restitution of the scholarship

The PhD student who, before concluding the mobility period, renounces the continuation of his doctoral course or whose actions come under any of the causes of forfeiture or expulsion provided for in Art. 35 of the University Regulations on Research Doctorates is required to interrupt the research stay and send the documents referred to in Art. 7 subsection 2 to receive payment for the mobility period actually carried out.

Pavia, date of the protocol

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