



University of Trieste Call for Departments for co-funding Research Visiting Fellowships for At-Risk Scholars Year 2025

1. Purposes of the scheme

The University of Trieste in accordance with its *Regulation on research grants* in force, in order to enhance internationalization, as member of SAR-Scholars At Risk Network and, more specifically, as a member of its Italian section, in the light of the recurring international crises which see academic freedom and research seriously threatened in different parts of the world, shall select and support Research Fellowships at Departments within the University of Trieste which intend to host at-risk scholars prevented from returning to their country of origin to carry out their academic activity.

2. Number of fellowships

The administration of the University of Trieste will provide departments with monthly contributions to fund *visiting research fellowships* with a duration of 3, 6 or 12 months in any scientific discipline available at the University of Trieste.

A visiting research fellowship is not an employment relationship and does not give the holder the right to enrolment as a teacher at the University of Trieste.

The Scholars' stay may vary from 3 to 12 months. In the case of an initial project of 3 or 6 months, the scholar's stay may be renewed up to a maximum of 12 months. The scholar's activity at the Department may begin only after approval by the Academic Bodies.

3. Value of fellowships

The University of Trieste will allocate a total of EUR 40,000.00 for these Research Visiting Fellowships.

The three-month Research Visiting Fellowship amounts to EUR 5,000 (gross wages). It can be extended up to a maximum of 12 months for a total amount of EUR 20,000 (gross wages)¹.

The entire contribution will be transferred to the host Department following the approval of the Academic Bodies.

The Department shall not be granted any additional contributions under this Call.

However, based on its own assessments and availability, the Department may possibly integrate this sum with a co-financing from its own funds. The co-funds may be further integrated with contributions provided by other national and international bodies.

¹ In accordance with Article 50(1)(c) of the consolidated law on income tax (TUIR), fellowships are considered as a form of paid employment and will therefore be taxed as such. Taxation varies depending on the duration of the fellowship.

4. Admission requirements

Visiting researcher candidates must be:

- a) non-Italian citizens meeting at least one of the following requirements:
 - (1) the candidate has been offered temporary protection as defined by EC Decision 2022/382;
 - (2) the candidate has a residence permit for asylum / subsidiary protection / political asylum / humanitarian protection/special protection in Italy or in a Member State of the European Union;
 - (3) the candidate has been granted scholar-at-risk status by Scholars at Risk (SAR) or by another recognised international organisation operating in the field, such as Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) and Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA).

Candidates shall submit their application along with a copy of the documentation certifying the status



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of "scholar at risk", issued by SAR - or by other international organizations recognized in the sector or by the right to temporary international protection or the documentation certifying the possession of a residence permit for asylum / subsidiary protection / political asylum / humanitarian protection / special protection in Italy or in a member country of the European Union;

- b) the candidate must have a master's degree or other academic qualification recognised as equivalent by the competent body for visiting researcher candidates.

SAR International network indicates, at the following link, a list of scholars who have already been registered by the Network, which can be consulted in case you intend to host a scholar at risk:

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/actions/host-a-scholar/?emci=227e1348-b559-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&emdi=97dad7f6-5d5a-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&ceid=5605032>

5. Insurance

Selected candidates are responsible for providing their own third-party civil liability insurance related to all scheduled activities at the University (e.g. access to laboratories, use of equipment, etc.).

Before the arrival of the Visiting Researcher, the host Department shall verify the mandatory insurance requirements provided for by the current legislation and any additional requirements related to scheduled activities (e.g. access to laboratories, use of equipment, etc.). The Department will do so with the help of the administration office in charge of insurance.

In the case that the Visiting Researcher already has an insurance policy which does not meet the mandatory insurance requirements, they will personally have to find suitable third-party civil liability insurance. The administration office in charge of insurance will verify that this new insurance policy meets the mandatory requirements.

6. Incompatibility

For more information regarding the incompatibility of a Research Visiting Fellowship with other positions, please refer to the provisions of Article 12 of the *Regulation on research grants* of the University of Trieste.

7. Submission of applications

Applications can be submitted from the date of publication of this call until funds are exhausted. In any case, no applications shall be accepted after **12th September 2025**.

Applications will be accepted by the Unit for Development cooperation and university networks on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications, completed by all the documentation required by this Call must be sent to: relazioni.internazionali@amm.units.it and must contain the following subject on the email: CALL FOR RESEARCH VISITING FELLOWSHIPS – YEAR 2025.

Only applications made using the form attached to this Call (**Annex A**) will be considered.

Along with Annex A, the Department shall submit:

1. candidate's letter of request for hospitality at the host Department;
2. documentation certifying the candidate's status referred to in Article 4(A) of this Call;
3. candidate's curriculum vitae in English;
4. description of the research project (included the title, if present);
5. candidate's academic degree;
6. minutes of the Departmental Board meeting or an emergency Decree of the Head of Department. The minutes or decree should indicate:
 - the department' support to the application. The document must also clearly indicate if the department prioritises one candidate over the other.
 - the candidates scientific referent within the Department;
 - the department's commitment to providing the Visiting Fellow with a workstation;



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- confirmation of available equipment necessary to carry out the proposed research activity;
 - verification of the necessary insurance, in accordance with Article 5 of this call.
7. current residence permit (only applicable for candidates already in Italy).

8. Selection

The Unit for Development Cooperation and university networks will verify that each application complies with the admission requirements set out in this Call.

Eligible applications will then be forwarded to the University Committee for Internationalisation, appointed by Rector's Decree, reg.172371 of 11/16/2023 Rep. No. 1080/2023.

The results of the Committee's evaluation will be submitted to the approval of the Academic Bodies and then published.

9. Scheduled activities

After the approval by Academic Bodies, the selection results will be communicated to the interested Department.

The Department should then obtain acceptance from the scholar and should confirm the period of the scholar's activities to the Unit for Development Cooperation and university networks.

Following this confirmation the amount corresponding to the overall duration of each scholar's stay will be paid to the Department, which must use it for the purpose established by this Call.

At the end of the research activity, the scholar must produce a final report. This report must be countersigned by the supervisor and sent to the Staff Unit for Development Cooperation and University Networks.

All activities may begin from 2 January 2025 and must be concluded by 31 December 2025. Any exceptions will be assessed on an individual basis.

10. Advertising and conclusion of proceedings

This Call and the selection results will be published on the [University webpage dedicated to Scholars at Risk](#).

For any further information or clarifications, please contact the Staff Unit for Development Cooperation and University Networks to: relazioni.internazionali@amm.units.it.

11. Processing of personal data

Pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Italian Legislative Decree No 101 of 10 August 2018, and pursuant to EU Regulation No 679/2016 – General Data Protection Regulation, the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by candidates. All data provided will be processed only for purposes related to this selection procedure and the eventual management of an applicant's relationship with the University, in compliance with the provisions in force.

Article 12 – Member of staff in charge of the administrative procedure and contacts

Pursuant to Italian Law No 241 of 7 August 1990, the member of staff in charge of this administrative procedure for the University of Trieste, is Carla Savastano, Head of the Unit for Development Cooperation and university networks.

13. Referral clause

This Call is also translated into English for information purposes only. For the application and resolution of any dispute and for any legal purposes, only the Italian version is valid.

For any matters not covered by this call, please refer to the regulation of the University of Trieste on Visiting Professors and on Research Grants.

The Rector
Prof. Roberto Di Lenarda