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CALL 4/2024

Date of online posting: 15/11/2024

Deadline for application submission: 14/12/2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for the award of 2 research grants to young researchers from universities in the Gaza Strip (Palestine)

THE CHANCELLOR

HAVING CONSIDERED the Statute of the University of Parma (UNIPR) and the University Regulation for Administration, Finance and Accounting;

HAVING CONSIDERED the "Regulations governing research, consultancy and teaching activities carried out by the University of Parma under contracts or agreements with external subjects", issued by R.D. no. 1391 of 21 October 2020;

HAVING CONSIDERED the "Regulation for the award of research grants" issued by R.D. No. 2740 of 13 November 2018;

HAVING CONSIDERED the request made by Professor Nadia Monacelli in her capacity as Director of the CUCI Centre (University Centre for International Cooperation) in which, in view of the current emergency situation in the area in question, she requests the activation of two research grants for young researchers from universities located in the Gaza Strip in order to enable the recipients to complete promising ongoing research projects, but have been interrupted due to the difficult situation of war and devastation that afflicts Palestine, and in particular the Gaza Strip

ACKNOWLEDGING that the "Rules for the Award of Research Grants" provide for

- that grants are awarded on the basis of specific agreements/conventions entered into with public and private entities, contributions, donations, legacies and other proceeds, for research purposes and at no financial cost to the University, as well as on the basis of research projects funded by the European Union or other foreign institutions;
- that the call for applications indicates the title and themes of the research project to which the grant relates, the relevant Scientific Coordinator and the structure at which the activity will be carried out;

ACKNOWLEDGING that it is intended to derogate from the above regulations in view of the aims and recipients of this call for proposals, which do not allow the a priori definition of research topics and are not linked to specific programmes and agreements;

RECALLED the resolution of the Board of Directors no. 181 of 24 April 2024 "INTERVENTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARMA FOR THE CEASE FIRE AND SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN RESEARCHERS AND RESEARCHERS" by which, inter alia, support for the incoming mobility of Palestinian researchers and researchers was provided through the initial funding of 2 annual research grants for a total amount of € 50,000.00

TAKEN NOTE that the University through the CUCI has allocated € 25,000.00 per scholarship from the fund Contribution 5 x 1000 year 2022 destined for Scholarships for Palestinian researchers - DDG 2115/2024 prot. no. 196491 of 16.07.24 Code - BORSE_RIFUGIATI_2024 of which Professor Nadia Monacelli, as Director of the CUCI Centre, is the holder and has the necessary availability;

HAVING CONSIDERED the need and urgency to proceed with the issuing of the notice in view of the situation in the Gaza Strip

(Please refer to the Italian version of this document for the extended list of the clauses listed above, which duly comply with Italian law and the University's regulations).

DECREES

(For all the foregoing, which forms an integral part of this operative section)

A selection is hereby opened, by means of a comparative procedure, for the awarding of two (2) Research Fellowships as specified below.

2 Research scholarships of 12 months each, amounting to € 24,500.00 each entitled: "Research scholarships for young researchers from Universities in the Gaza Strip" whose topics will be consistent with the candidates' research activities.

Specifically, one grant will be awarded for each of the following categories of beneficiaries:

- **Category 1: one grant awarded to young researchers holding a Master's degree (ideal candidates for this position would be enrolled in a PhD programme at the time of this call)**
- **Category 2: one grant awarded to young researchers who obtained their PhD less than five years ago**

If there are no suitable candidates in one of the two categories, the Evaluation Committee may decide to award both grants to two candidates in the same category.

After the publication of this notice, candidates will be requested to follow the application procedures (details to follow) and to attach a description of their research topic and project. The proposed research topic must be consistent with the candidate's research activities. The research activity, which will be carried out at the University of Parma for the duration of one year, must aim at achieving significant scientific results. The topic proposed by the candidates may belong to any of the disciplinary fields covered by the University of Parma, and the research grant must be awarded at one of the University's Departments.

In order to be admitted to the selection process, which consists of an evaluation of the candidates' qualifications and an interview, applicants must:

Category 1	Category 2
1) Hold a 1 st level University Master or Master's degree. Please attach (a) official certification of qualification (b) In the absence of official certification, candidates may produce a self-certification attesting their achievement in accordance with the attached template ;	1) Hold a Master's degree or PhD. Please attach (a) official certification of qualification (b) In the absence of official certification, candidates may produce a self-certification attesting their achievement in accordance with the attached template: MASTER or PhD ;
2) Attach, if available: a) certification of enrolment in a doctoral course; b) In the absence of official certification, candidates may produce a self-certification in accordance with the attached template ;	2) Attach, if available: a) certification of service as a researcher; b) in the absence of official certification, candidates may produce a self-certification in accordance with the attached template ;



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3) Submit a description of their current research project, or PhD project if any, mentioning: - Title - Extended summary (1-3 pages) - Status of their work - Bibliographic references - Planned further research developments	3) Submit a description of the research project they would like to develop during the year at the University of Parma, mentioning -Title - Extended summary (1-3 pages) - Bibliographic references - Plan of activities for the 12 months at the University of Parma - Planned further research developments
4) Curriculum vitae (CV) according to the attached template ;	4) Curriculum vitae (CV) according to the attached template ;
5) Attach any academic cover letters;	5) Attach any academic cover letters ;
6) Attach any other titles and publications of the candidate (if they are present in institutional archives and publicly accessible databases, it is sufficient to list the publications in the curriculum vitae);	6) Attach any other titles and publications of the candidate (if they are present in institutional archives and publicly accessible databases, it is sufficient to list the publications in the curriculum vitae);
7) Please attach a copy of your passport.	7) Please attach a copy of your passport.

Application Procedure and Deadline

To submit applications, the applicant must:

1. fill in the document 'Application Template for submitting the application' ([attached](#)),
2. Send **the application together with all required attachments** to the following e-mail address protocollo.cuci@unipr.it

The deadline for the application submission is 11.30 p.m. (CET) on 14/12/2024

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online interview. All useful details will be shared with them in due course.

Responsible for the administrative procedure: Ms Marina Cassano

Address: U.O. Coordinamento Amm.vo Dipartimenti e Centri - Parco Area delle Scienze 95 - 43124 Parma

Tel.: 0521/906535

For information and support please contact marina.cassano@unipr.it and/or welcome@unipr.it

Selection procedure and evaluation criteria

An assessment committee appointed by the Director of CUCI will select the successful candidates among the eligible applicants to this call.

The research grant winners will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Consistency of the proposed research topic with the research areas in which the University of Parma can provide suitable scientific support.
- Quality of the research project presented and its consistency with the candidate's scientific career.
- Academic career of the candidate: other things being equal, preference will be given to doctoral students and young researchers at the beginning of their scientific career.

All applications will be evaluated according to the following scoring system:

- **Titles 5/100 Pt**
- **Curriculum 10/100 Pt**
- **Research Project 25/100 Pt**
- **Interview 60/100 Pt**

Please note that candidates must obtain a minimum score of 30 (or higher) in the interview and a minimum score of 30 (or higher) in the other subjects to pass the selection.

A ranking list will be drafted for both categories mentioned in this call.

All candidates will be informed on the outcome of their application via direct e-mail.

Scholarship award

If there are no suitable candidates in one of the two categories, the Evaluation Committee may decide to award both grants to two candidates in the same category.

Successful candidates will be assigned to a department of the University, according to their discipline.

Each candidate will be guaranteed scientific supervision of their research project, a workstation, and access to laboratories and libraries.

The following support services are also provided:

- Student welcome, counselling and integration in the university and city life;
- Italian language courses, also in partnership with local associations;
- Transcultural mediation services and psychological support;
- Successful candidates will be assigned a Tutor

Entry into Italy

After signing the mandatory hosting agreement for the performance of research activities (pursuant to art. 27 of the Consolidated Act on Immigration), selected candidates will be guaranteed entry into Italy, and they will be able to start their scholarship at University of Parma.

The **University Mobility, Hospitality and International Students' Organisation Unit** (welcome@unipr.it) will contact the winners of the award to arrange the purchase of their airline ticket, assist with the visa application and provide support in all procedures necessary to finalise their registration to UNIPR.

Scholarship payment

The total amount of each research grant is € 24,500.00, including insurance costs and statutory charges. University of Parma will cover the travel costs of successful candidates, who will be sent their flight tickets by University staff (ticket costs are estimated at € 500.00).

The payment of the research grant will be divided into 12 monthly instalments:

- the first instalment will amount to € 6,900.00
- the remaining 11 instalments will be paid monthly and will amount to €1,600.00 each

PRIVACY POLICY FOR THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

SUBJECTS OF TREATMENT

The Data Controller is the University of Parma, with registered office in via Università 12, 43121 Parma, Italy - Tel. +390521902111 - e-mail: protocollo@pec.unipr.it;

The Data Protection Officer can be contacted by sending an e-mail to the following address: dpo@unipr.it - dpo@pec.unipr.it;

PURPOSE AND METHOD OF PROCESSING

The data provided are processed by the University of Parma, in its capacity as Data Controller, for institutional purposes, such as the performance of administrative, teaching and research activities.

The processing is necessary for the pursuit of its institutional purposes, pursuant to Article 6 of the European Data Protection Regulation No. 679/2016 (hereinafter GDPR for brevity), and in compliance with the general principles of transparency, correctness and non-excessiveness for specified, explicit, legitimate purposes, in a manner relevant to the processing, respecting the principles of data minimisation, accuracy, storage limitation, integrity and confidentiality, and accountability. The data collected will be recorded, processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which it was collected.

Personal data will be collected by the University of Parma and may be communicated for research and/or statistical purposes to external parties acting on its behalf.

Data will be processed with the aid of electronic tools; computer systems are equipped with measures to prevent data loss, illegal or incorrect use and unauthorised access.

Prof. Paolo Martelli

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