UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA

Call for applications for grants supporting incoming student mobility to participate in the Parma Youth Academies within the Parma European Youth Capital 2027 programme

As part of the Parma European Youth Capital 2027 programme, the University of Parma promotes the participation of students from other universities in the Parma Youth Academies, with the aim of enhancing the national and European appeal of the city and the University and fostering opportunities for interaction and exchange with the university community and the local area.

The resources made available by Crédit Agricole Italia S.p.A. through its cooperation agreement with the University are allocated to this specific purpose. The grants provided for in this Call therefore support incoming student mobility to Parma and are reserved, subject to the requirements set out below, for students enrolled at universities other than the University of Parma.

The University of Parma issues this Call for the award of 93 financial grants (hereinafter "Grants") to students selected to participate in the Parma Youth Academies within the Parma European Youth Capital 2027 programme. The 93 Grants are allocated as follows: 50 Grants of EUR 1,800.00 (one thousand eight hundred euros and zero cents) for students who are foreign nationals of a European Union Member State and are not enrolled at Italian universities ("international category"), and 43 Grants of EUR 800.00 (eight hundred euros and zero cents) for students who are European Union citizens enrolled in another Italian university ("national category"). The Grants are funded through the donation from Crédit Agricole Italia S.p.A., totalling EUR 124,400.00, provided for in the cooperation agreement with the University.

The amounts stated above include any charges payable by the University.

The Grants will be paid by the University of Parma to the successful applicants.

Payment will be made in advance of the start of the activities of the respective Academies.

The Academies address key issues in contemporary challenges and transformations, including:

- digital and energy transitions;
- urban regeneration and public space;
- entrepreneurship and innovation;
- responsible use of artificial intelligence;
- urban food systems and food policy;
- performing arts and cultural and creative industries
- enhancement of cultural and archival heritage.

Art. 1 – Eligible applicants

Applicants must be under 36 years of age on the application deadline and duly enrolled in one of the following programmes:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent international qualification (BA)
- Master's degree or equivalent international qualification (MA)
- Single-cycle Master's degree
- Doctoral degree (PhD) or advanced training programmes

As the funding is specifically intended to support incoming mobility, students enrolled at the University of Parma are not eligible for the grants provided for in this Call.

The international mobility grant of EUR 1,800 is also incompatible with other grants under Erasmus mobility programmes for incoming mobility to Italy, such as Erasmus+ SMS, SMP and BIP.

These restrictions apply solely to eligibility for financial grants and do not preclude participation in the Academies, subject to the requirements and procedures established for each programme.

The Grants may be awarded to applicants selected to participate in one of the following seven Academies.

A. The Digital-Energy Nexus: from data centers to energy networks

An Academy focusing on the interaction between the digital and energy transitions, with particular attention to data centres, smart energy systems, heat recovery and the smart management of energy networks.

The Academy includes workshops, technical visits, international networking activities and the preparation of a policy summary on the integration of energy and digital technologies.

Available Grants: 10 of EUR 1,800.00 for the international category and 8 of EUR 800.00 for the national category, totalling EUR 24,400.00.

https://www.unipr.it/en/peyc2027/academies/digital-energy

B. Parma LivingLab Academy – "Piazze in Movimento"

An international Academy focusing on urban regeneration, inclusive housing and participatory design of public space.

The programme includes activities in tactical urbanism, public engagement, co-design and urban design, as well as the use of digital and artificial intelligence tools to develop urban transformation scenarios.

Available Grants: 10 of EUR 1,800.00 for the international category, totalling EUR 18,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/en/peyc2027/academies/livinglab

C. StartHER – Women's Entrepreneurship Workshop

An intensive programme promoting women's entrepreneurship and reducing the gender gap in innovation and entrepreneurial processes.

The Academy combines economic and financial training, design thinking, the business model canvas, mentoring and the development of innovative entrepreneurial projects.

Available Grants: 15 of EUR 800.00 for the national category, totalling EUR 12,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/peyc2027/academies/starther

D. AI for Responsible Use at Work and in Business: From Theory to Practice

An Academy focusing on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in workplace and business settings.

Training activities will cover AI ethics, data management, applications of artificial intelligence in business processes, digital innovation, simulations, case studies and opportunities for discussion with businesses and stakeholders.

Available Grants: 10 of EUR 1,800.00 for the international category, totalling EUR 18,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/en/peyc2027/academies/AI-responsible-use

E. Food City Design

An Academy focusing on sustainable urban food systems, food culture and urban food policy.

The programme will explore urban food systems, sustainability in agri-food supply chains, food and wine tourism, community well-being and the relationships between culture and food.

Available Grants: 20 of EUR 1,800.00 for the international category, totalling EUR 36,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/en/peyc2027/academies/food-city-design

F. CAPAS Academy – Youth Performing Heritage

An Academy focusing on the performing arts, youth participation and the development of shared cultural practices.

The programme combines theatre, music, performance and multimedia communication activities through collective and participatory creative processes.

Available Grants: 10 of EUR 800.00 for the national category, totalling EUR 8,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/peyc2027/academies/capas-academy

G. CSAC Creative Labs

An Academy focusing on cultural and creative industries and the enhancement of archival heritage as a tool for cultural innovation.

The programme promotes research, design and cultural production activities in the fields of art, photography, design, fashion and communication.

The Academy consists of intensive workshops leading to the creation of original cultural projects presented at an exhibition open to the public.

Available Grants: 10 of EUR 800.00 for the national category, totalling EUR 8,000.00.

https://www.unipr.it/peyc2027/academies/creative-labs

Art. 2 – Application procedure and deadline

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the online procedure at https://www.idem.unipr.it/secure/parma_2027_academy_application by 20 January 2027, the deadline specified in the decree publishing this Call. Applications must include a curriculum vitae, an identity document, a declaration of enrolment in the study programme for verification of the Grant category requested, a motivation letter and any language certificates. Applicants must indicate the Grant category requested from those available for the chosen Academy. Each applicant may apply for one Academy only.

Art. 3 – Assessment of applications

The Selection Committee, appointed by Rector's Decree, consists of experts in the subject areas covered by this Call and includes two members designated by Crédit Agricole Italia S.p.A., appointed by the University upon nomination by the Bank, with equal rights and duties. Assessment will be based on: relevance of the applicant's profile (30 points), motivation letter (30 points), and academic and professional qualifications documented in the CV (20 points).

Art. 4 – Preparation of ranking lists

The Committee will draw up a ranking list for each Academy and each Grant category available for that Academy if the number of admissible applications exceeds the number of Grants available for the relevant category, in accordance with the allocation of 50 Grants of EUR 1,800.00 and 43 Grants of EUR 800.00 set out in this Call. Awards will be made within the number of Grants reserved for each Academy and each category, according to the allocation specified in Art. 1.

If, for any Academy and category, the number of admissible applications is equal to or lower than the number of Grants available for that category, the Committee will only verify compliance with the eligibility requirements set out in this Call and the suitability of the applications, without drawing up a ranking list. In this case, the Grants will be awarded to all applicants deemed suitable for the relevant category.

Art. 5 – Ranking lists and appeals

Where a ranking list is drawn up pursuant to the preceding article, the provisional ranking list will be published on the University of Parma's institutional website by the date specified in the decree approving the selection proceedings. Any appeals must be submitted by the deadline specified in the publication notice. After that deadline, the ranking list shall be deemed final.

Art. 6 – Obligations of beneficiaries

Beneficiaries must regularly attend the Academy's activities, contribute to project activities and comply with the organisational rules.

Failure to participate in the scheduled activities will result in forfeiture of the benefit awarded and an obligation to repay the Grant received within 30 days of receipt of the relevant request from the University.

Art. 7 – Grounds for exclusion

Applicants who do not meet the requirements set out in this Call, or who submit incomplete or late applications, will be excluded.

Art. 8 – Processing of personal data

Personal data will be processed by the University of Parma in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Art. 9 – Final provisions

This Call is published on the University of Parma's institutional website.

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