

## CALL FOR TRAINEESHIP & STUDY

“Not in my backyard!”

### Botanical Garden project at the University of Parma – Italy Scholarships for Students from international universities partner of the University of Parma

**#connecting people #sharing knowledge #saving plants #public engagement**

**Strategic objective: Internationalization - Students mobility from non-EU Countries.** The project aims to increase and to improve the relations within the scientific and academic community, throughout renewed international activities.

The [Botanical Garden](#) of the University of Parma is one of the hidden treasures of the University and the city, with its rich collection of herbaria including both indigenous and exotic species. Being inactive for a long period, the [Botanical Garden](#) is now undergoing a strong renovation and transformation from a mere site of research into a meeting and educational space open to the local community and to international visitors.

In this framework, the University of Parma is looking for motivated students from Non-EU Countries who are passionate about nature and science and are also skilled at communication or translation or information technologies for the wide range of activities aimed at the relaunch and internationalisation of the [Botanical Garden](#): translation of herbaria and museum itinerary; organisation of initiatives and workshops for schools and a wider audience; realization of promotional material; implementation and translations of the website and social media pages.

You will have the chance of being part of an international group of young creative people who can help the garden staff by putting their fresh ideas into practice in order to spread unique opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy biodiversity.

In addition, you will experience year 2020 with Parma as Italian Capital of Culture, a further occasion for promoting the Botanical Garden through a series of events attracting a broad range of visitors.

The Botanical Garden is filled with plants...it's now your turn to fill it with your ideas!



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## THE CALL FOR APPLICANTS

In the framework of the project aimed at the enhancement of the research, teaching and internationalization activities of the University Botanical Garden, financed by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) – with grants under art. 10 – *Ulteriori interventi* – DM 587 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, “*Criteri di riparto FFO Università Statali 2018*”:

THE UNIVERSITY OF PARMA SELECTS CANDIDATES FOR AWARDING

**6 (six) Incoming Scholarships of the duration of 6 months each, for the attendance of the University of Parma during the Spring Semester of the Academic Year 2019/2020 (February-July 2020).**

### GENERAL OVERVIEW

The scholarship beneficiaries will be involved in the relaunch process of the University Botanical Garden through the performance of different kinds of activities, namely:

1. cataloguing and classification of herbaria;
2. georeferencing and app development;
3. communication and dissemination of the scientific, cultural and educational activities of the Botanical Garden of the University of Parma in their native languages, especially as regards the production of promotional material and transposition of the collections of the Garden for an international audience.

The group of international students will work in team with Professors and Staff members of the University and the Museum Area. The location of the Botanical garden is in the historical city centre of Parma, [five-minute walk from the historical University main building \(Sede Centrale\), public services and shops](#).

**During the traineeship period at the University of Parma, selected students also have the opportunity to attend academic courses in one or more of the University Departments described below. During their first month in Parma, students may also attend one or more of the available tuition-free Italian language courses.**

### TRAINEESHIP ACTIVITY AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

The profiles and the number of scholarships for each profile are the following:

- 1) N° 1 scholarship for the **georeferencing** of the garden natural heritage and integration into a navigation map accessible from the Botanical Garden app (ongoing development).  
Language requirements: basic knowledge of English or Italian language (at least A1 level of the CEFR\*).  
Technical and computer skills: on-site training on software and hardware use and on fundamentals in georeferencing.  
Disciplinary area: Botany, Natural Sciences, Biology, Ecology.  
Course level: Master’s Degree Course (any year of course); Bachelor’s Degree Course (last year of course only).
- 2) N° 2 scholarships to support the **cataloguing** of the Garden historical herbaria.

Language requirements: elementary knowledge of English or Italian language (at least A2 level of the [CEFR](#)).

Technical and computer skills: on-site training on the Garden structure, organisation of the herbaria and fundamentals on cataloguing.

Disciplinary area: Promotion of Cultural Heritage, Humanities including Museology, Biology, Botany, Natural Sciences.

Course level: Master's Degree Course (any year of course); Bachelor's Degree Course (last year of course only).

- 3) N° 3 scholarships for the **translation** of informative/touristic materials for the promotion of the University Botanical Garden.

Language requirements: certified knowledge of English (at least B2 level of the [CEFR](#)) or Italian language (at least B1 level of the [CEFR](#)), besides one's own native language.

Technical and computer skills: autonomous use of the main computer programmes (Office), e-mail and internet browsers.

Disciplinary area: Promotion of Cultural Heritage, Humanities including Museology, Communication and Media Science, Journalism, Foreign Languages, Trade Marketing

Course level: Master's Degree Course (any year of course); Bachelor's Degree Course (last year of course only).

**Candidates may apply for JUST 1 profile. No multiple profiles application is permitted.**

### *STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARMA*

The University Departments where the selected student may attend courses are the following:

#### **Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Industries**

The Department is the core and fundamental point of reference of the University of Parma for research in the fields of humanities, foreign languages, social sciences and creative arts. It is based on a shared cultural objective focused on the dialogue between tradition and contemporaneity, with the aim of keeping up to date with the new challenges of today's cultural industries.

The available courses: <https://dusic.unipr.it/en/teaching/degree-courses>

#### **Department of Food and Drug**

The Department works at a national and international level as a research and academic centre of excellence in the sectors of food science and pharmacy. The Department boasts long-standing partnerships with high-level Institutions in Europe and abroad, and collaborates with the European Food Safety Authority - EFSA, based in Parma since 2002.

The available courses: <https://saf.unipr.it/en/teaching>

#### **Department of Economics and Management**

The Department offers a wide range of courses from management, administration and finance to marketing and international business. Being the first one implementing a course entirely held in English (International Business and Development), this Department has a strong inclination towards internationalization and modern challenges, through the implementation of new courses in English and in the field of Food industry management. Furthermore, a high number of foreign students coming from all over the world contributes to create a stimulating multi-cultural environment.

The available courses: <https://sea.unipr.it/en/teaching/courses-and-admissions>

### Department of Chemistry, Life Sciences and Environmental Sustainability

The Department promotes an interdisciplinary approach by enclosing all the studies related to Chemistry, Biology, Natural Sciences and Ecology, including focus and projects concerning Environmental Sustainability and innovation in molecular applications. This Department has been selected by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research among the 180 Italian “Department of Excellence”, and has been awarded a special ministerial funding for the five-year period 2018-2022 for its project based on the study of complex systems.

The available courses: <https://scvsa.unipr.it/en/teaching>

### *DURATION*

**The activities will start from the Spring Semester of the 2019/2020 academic year.**

The official starting date is **1<sup>st</sup> February 2020**. However, the date can be subject to changes depending on “force majeure” mainly connected to obtaining VISA for study from the competent Italian Embassies or Consulates.

### *SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT/ FUNDING*

The total amount of each scholarship is **6,800.00 Euros**. Each beneficiary will receive a monthly scholarship of 1000.00 Euros (gross) for a period of 6 months (6,000.00 Euros total) by bank transfer payments. An additional reimbursement of 800.00 is paid for the coverage of travel costs. The attendance of academic courses at one of the University Departments above is fee-waived.

### *INTERRUPTION AND/OR WITHDRAWAL*

Candidates who interrupt or withdraw from their mobility grants without motivated reason, will have to return the entire amount of the awarded scholarship. **The minimum stay for a partial scholarship and travel payment is fixed in 3 (three) months.**

In case of any violation of the aforementioned term, the University of Parma should take legal actions. The Italian law applies.

### *APPLICATION PROCEDURE*

Candidate students must be registered at one of the international universities partner to the University of Parma. The list of partner universities is available [HERE](#).

Candidate students are requested to provide the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae in european format  
(<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/it/documents/curriculum-vitae>);
- Application form duly signed and dated;
- A certificate of enrolment at the home University with the list of passed exams and grades;
- A recommendation letter signed by one faculty from the candidate’s home university;
- A copy of the valid Passport.

The application package, including all relevant and compulsory annexes, **MUST BE SENT BY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019** to the following e-mail addresses:

- a. [protocollo@unipr.it](mailto:protocollo@unipr.it)
- b. [relint@unipr.it](mailto:relint@unipr.it) (in cc)

In the REF field, the candidate is invited to quote “**Internazionalizzazione - Bando Orto Botanico 2019**”.

### *APPLICATION DEADLINE*

The deadline for submitting the applications is **15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019, at 12.00 a.m. CET.**

### *SELECTION PROCEDURES AND RESULTS*

A University Evaluation Committee appointed by the University Rector will evaluate the received applications and will draw a list of pre-selected candidates who will be called for a Skype interview to acquire details about competence, motivation and language proficiency. The Skype interviews are planned in Week 47 (18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019).

The final evaluation results will be published by **29<sup>th</sup> November 2019** on the [Institutional web site](#). Selected students will have 7 days to accept or retire from the scholarship award.

Any additional information may be asked by sending an e-mail to [relint@unipr.it](mailto:relint@unipr.it).

Parma, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Rector  
Prof. Paolo Andrei