



CALL FOR SELECTION
2026 DSG VISITING RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP
EXCELLENT UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS' PROJECT

Art. 1

The *Alma Mater Studiorum* – University of Bologna – Department of Legal Studies (hereinafter, “DSG” or “Department”), in the framework of the Excellent University Departments’ Project, funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, and with a view to fostering the internationalization of departmental research, adopted the present call, concerning n. 4 Visiting Researcher Fellowships for foreign scholars invited to carry out research activities within the Department’s facilities.

In particular, the Fellowship shall allow a strong scientific interaction between foreign scholars invited and Professors/Researchers of the Department with regard to the priorities identified in the Excellent University Departments Project (see Annex I).

This interaction shall be developed especially by means of the following activities: joint organization of workshops or other events of scientific nature within the DSG; drafting joint scientific manuscripts to be published in scientific international journals or international dimension collective volumes; joint participation to calls for European and international projects.

Selected Visiting Researchers shall also hold a seminar on their research activities which will be mainly addressed to PhD candidates and research fellows of the DSG.

Art. 2

Each Visiting Researcher will be entitled to:

- receive a lump sum compensation covering travel and transfer expenses, room and board for a gross amount of 6.000,00 EUR (IRAP and accident and third-party liability insurance coverage included);
- be provided with a fully equipped office space, located in the Department’s premises (<https://dsg.unibo.it/en/index.html>);
- accede the items and IT resources of the DSG and the “A. CICU” library (<https://dsg.unibo.it/en/library>).

Art. 3

The length of the stay shall range from 3 weeks to 2 months during the period **July 2026 – February 2027**.

The period of stay shall be continuous so as to achieve a fruitful interaction with the Professors and Researchers of the Department.

The application shall include all required documents and shall be uploaded by the candidates by

June 15th 2026 at 12:00 (CET)

on the online platform <https://personale.unibo.it/pol/welcome.htm?siteLanguage=en> .



The application shall be submitted exclusively online; any document submitted through other means will not be accepted.

The application shall include:

1. personal and professional data of the Visiting Researcher;
2. a cover letter from a Professor/Researcher of the Department, including a short scientific biography of the Visiting Researcher (the list of affiliates to the Department is available here: <https://dsg.unibo.it/en/departement/people/faculty>;
3. the indication of the reasons concerning the decision to conduct a research stay in Bologna, Professors/Researchers of the DSG with whom the applicant wants to collaborate, research activities to carry out, methodology, and expected results;
4. the indication of both the chosen period of stay and an alternative option;
5. a scanned copy of the Visiting Researcher's passport (or other identity document) in course of validity;
6. Visiting Researcher's *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and list of publications (last 5 years);
7. title and abstract of the seminar for PhD candidates and research fellows of the DSG that the Visiting Researcher shall hold.

Art. 4

The applications will be evaluated by a Commission appointed by the Department Council. The Commission will be tasked with the selection of the 4 best applications and the definition of the final ranking list within the deadline indicated by the Council.

The selection criteria are the following:

1. scientific qualification and research experience of the candidate;
2. originality of the research project;
3. centrality of the chosen topic within the international legal debate;
4. the methodology applied to the research;
5. contribution to the strategy aimed at improving the DSG's scientific activity, as illustrated in the Excellent University Departments Project.

For each criterion, up to 20 points can be assigned.

Only applications scoring at least 70/100 are eligible to be selected.

The Department reserves the right to select a lower number of candidates if the applications submitted do not satisfy the demanded excellence requirements.

Art. 5

Visiting Researchers will be invited through a deliberation adopted by the Department Council and containing the scholar's first and family names, contacts, dates of stay within the DSG, description of the planned activities and name of the proposing Professor.

The deliberation will be published on the website www.dsg.unibo.it.

The invitation will be formalized with a letter from the Department's Head no later than **July 20th 2026**.

Within 10 days (July 30th, 2026) of receipt of the invitation letter, the Visiting Researcher is required to formally accept the position by sending a confirmation message to dsg.affarigenerali@unibo.it.

Art. 6



The Visiting Researcher's entry and residence in Italy are regulated by the Italian laws and the local authorities' regulations.

It is up to the Visiting Researcher to obtain the visa and any other necessary authorization to enter Italy.

Art. 7

The DSG will activate an accident and third-party liability insurance coverage (RCT).

The RCT will be limited to the activities listed in the agreement concluded with the Visiting Researcher and taking place within the Department's facilities.

The DSG does not provide for any right to benefit from the National Health Service coverage. Visiting Researcher are required to arrange for their health and social security coverage.

Art. 8

At the end of the research stay, the Visiting Researcher shall provide:

- a final detailed report explaining the activities carried out and those to be completed (e.g.: participation in competitive European and international calls; submission of joint manuscripts to the editorial boards of scientific international journals or collective volumes);
- electronic copies of any final research product.

In case of non-compliance, the Visiting Researcher will not receive any compensation and will be excluded from participation in further calls for Visiting Researcher Fellowships published by the Department as part of the Excellent University Departments Project.

In any case, in order to ensure a rotation of the beneficiaries, no selected fellow will be allowed to participate in the call for Visiting Fellowship immediately following the one he/she applied for.

Lump sum compensation will be authorized upon verification of the proper fulfilment of the required activities.

Art. 9

As long as the present call remains open, it will be available in the section "Calls" of the website www.dsg.unibo.it.

Art. 10

All aspects not regulated by the present call are subject to applicable legal, statutory, and regulatory provisions.

Art. 11

In compliance with EU Regulation no. 2016/679, the University of Bologna is committed to respecting the confidentiality of information provided by the candidate. All data provided will be used only for purposes connected with the selection and award of the research grant, in accordance with current regulations.

In compliance with Articles 3 and 7 of Legislative Decree no. 33/2013, information, data, and documents, including curriculum vitae, shall be published in an open format on the University website, section "Amministrazione Trasparente", and everyone has the right to know them, use and reuse them without restrictions, even for purposes other than this procedure, with the obligation to



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mention their source and to respect their integrity.

As provided for by Article 5 of Law n. 241/1990, the person in charge of this selection procedure is Dr. Maria Angela Cané, Administration Manager of the Department (mariaangela.cane@unibo.it).

Head of Department
Prof. Federico Casolari

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Further information on visiting researchers and other lecturers coming from abroad are available at:
<https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/dimensione-internazionale/staff-docenti-e-ricercatori-internazionali/visiting-professor-e-altri-docenti-provenienti-da-estero>.