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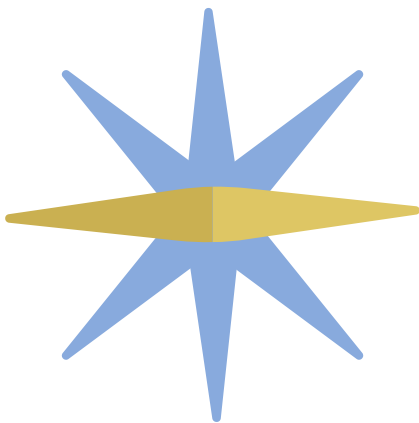
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF 3 ECONOMIC GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY EXTRA- EU IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BILATERAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GULF COAST

Art. 1 - Subject

In order to implement the **Study Mobility Programme to Non-EU and Non-ERASMUS countries for the academic year 2024/2025**, authorised by R.D. no. 39 of 26/01/2023, a **selection procedure is hereby launched for the allocation to students from Departments of "Law", "Political Science, Communication and International Relations", "Education, Cultural Heritage and Tourism Sciences (in relation to the LM49 International Tourism and Destination Management)"** of the University of Macerata of **no. 3 financial contributions for international mobility aimed at carrying out study activities** for the purpose of obtaining a university degree.

2 Grants are related to mobility to take place I semester; 1 Grant is related to mobility to take place II semester.

Art. 2 – General eligibility conditions

Eligibility to participate in this call for applications is opened to **students** who:

- are regularly enrolled, for the academic year 2023/2024, to the following degree programs at the Department of at the Department of "Law," "Political Science, Communication and International Relations" and "Education, Cultural Heritage and Tourism Sciences (in relation to the LM49 International Tourism and Destination Management)".
- are up to date with the payment of university fees for the academic year 2023/2024;
- attach statement of commitment to finalize enrolment for a.y. 2024/2025;
- have an adequate knowledge of the English language proficiency of C1 level;
- undertake to carry out a mobility of a minimum duration of 5 months and to acquire no. 25 CFUs;
- undertake to recognise the CFUs deriving from this mobility as activities forming part of their study plan and not as "excess" credits;
- do not simultaneously benefit for the same mobility from other contributions provided for by other mobility programmes;
- are enrolled within the normal duration of the course of study increased by one year (no more than one academic year out course of the academic year of reference, as specified in art. 5)
- undertake mobility in a country other than the one in which they hold citizenship.

Art. 3 - Modalities and deadlines for submitting the application (adopt the application form)

The application must be drawn up **using the application form available** on the following webpage: <http://giurisprudenza.unimc.it/it/dipartimento/bandi/bandi-studenti> and on the website of the University International Mobility Office (https://iro.unimc.it/it/studenti/studenti-in-partenza/programma-magellano/studenti_programma_magellano). The form must specify the availability or preference for the I or II semester in carrying out the mobility.

Under penalty of exclusion, the following must be compulsorily indicated in the application: a) generalities, **b)** registration number, **c)** fiscal code, **d)** e-mail address.

The following must also be **attached: a)** self-certification attesting the enrolment for the academic year 2024/2025, **b)** self-certification of examinations taken and grades earned, **c)** proposed learning agreement, **d)** any certificates of previous mobility abroad and/or certificates of language knowledge, **e)** motivational letter, **f)** curriculum vitae (in Italian or English).

Applications must be sent by e-mail to francesca.spigarelli@unimc.it and for information to l.compagnucci7@unimc.it no later than 15:00 on 22/03/2024. Failure to sign the application form will result in exclusion from the selection process.

Article 4 - Formation and approval of the ranking list

The merit ranking list will be formed based on the examination of the qualifications and documentation submitted by the candidates, as well as in relation to the oral interview.

The oral test will be held on **26/03/2024 at 16:00** on Teams platform at the following address

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19:85ca7dba90614e5794288049e897fa67@thread.tacv2/1707727678846?context=%7B%22Tid%22:%221aceb148-a22a-49fb-b0f8-18319c256a74%22,%22Oid%22:%22ca783ae9-6afc-4a1c-bcac-78e4eabdd062%22%7D>

The merit ranking will be formulated in the manner specified below. The student, in order to be assessed, must meet the general eligibility requirements set out in art. 2 of the call for applications, with particular reference **to the minimum language level of C1** required by the partner site Florida Gulf Coast University.

The following criteria will be considered:

- language proficiency and any certificates of previous mobility abroad (25 points);
- weighted average of exams taken up to the deadline of this announcement (25 points);
- proposed Learning Agreement and Motivational Letter (25 points).
- interview (25 points).

Based on the availability and preference about carrying out the mobility in semester I or II, the committee shall formulate a mobility plan for the successful candidates. In case of unavailability of candidates for the formulated plan, the choice of carrying out the mobility during the I or II semester will be granted to the candidates themselves according to the order of the ranking list.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the candidate with the lowest age.

The ranking list will be published at <http://giurisprudenza.unimc.it/it/dipartimento/bandi/bandi-studenti> and on the website of the University's International Mobility Office (https://iro.unimc.it/it/studenti/studenti-in-partenza/programma-magellano/studenti_programma_magellano) **by 28/03/2024** and has the value of notification to all intents and purposes, therefore no other communication, either written or by telephone, will be given to the winner.

Within 4 days from the date of publication of the ranking list, the winners are required to communicate by e-mail to francesca.spigarelli@unimc.it and for information to l.compagnucci7@unimc.it their acceptance of the grant or their possible withdrawal.

In the absence of notification of acceptance, the grantee will be considered to have forfeited the grant and the grant will be awarded to the student who follows in order of ranking.

Art. 5 - Activities allowed in the foreign location

The academic activities allowed during the mobility stays of the present call are:

1. attending courses and taking exams;
2. possibly, in addition, carrying out internships producing curricular CFUs that are not redundant;

3. possibly, in addition, preparation of the dissertation (on the basis of a work plan approved by the dissertation supervisor).

Teaching activities will take place according to the following timetable indicated by the partner location:

- first semester from August 7 to December 22, 2024 (exams included);
- second semester from January 8 to May 24, 2025 (exams included).

Mobility procedure:

At least one month before departure the student must report to the University's International Mobility Office to

- communicate the date of departure;
- deliver the copy of the payment of the first instalment of the University enrolment fees for the current academic year;
- deliver the Learning Agreement (including the list of courses to be followed abroad, accompanied by the respective programmes and the list of corresponding Italian courses) **consistent with the course of study attended, to be taken at the host University**, signed by the Contact Person for the Agreement;
- sign the mobility contract (after the student has defined and communicated the date of departure);
- communicate the arrangements for collecting the financial contribution¹.

N.B. It will be the student's responsibility to gather the documentation needed to obtain a residence permit or visa. To this end, the necessary information can be found on the website of the partner university or at the offices of the Diplomatic Representations of the student country located in the host country.

The student must be in possession of the following documents at the time of departure:

- Valid passport that will not expire during the study stay;
- **Entry visa** for the country of destination (if required);
- Two **exchange student certificates** (to be issued by the International Mobility Office after the student has communicated the date of departure);
- One **form of start and end of stay certificate** (to be provided by the International Mobility Office after the student has communicated the date of departure)
- **Private health insurance policy** valid for the entire period of the stay in the country of destination;
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC);
- Any specific documentation required by the host university.

The organisation of the study stay (visa, travel, insurance, board, lodging, enrolment in language courses) is entirely at the expense of the student awarded the grant, who may consult the Agreement's Contact Teacher for any clarifications of an educational, logistical and organisational nature.

Art. 6 - Period of performance of the mobility

The mobility referred to in this notice shall be completed:

- for the first semester no later than 30/01/2025;
- for the second semester no later than 30/06/2025.

Art. 7 – Teaching requirements

The student is required to enquire about study possibilities at the partner location directly with the lecturer responsible for the agreement.

Before departure, the student is required to prepare a **Study Plan (Learning Agreement)** including the list of courses to be taken abroad, together with their respective programmes and the list of courses provided by

¹ Students are required to promptly notify any change in the arrangements for collecting the financial contribution indicated on the form handed in.

the University of Macerata that are equivalent) **that is consistent with the course of study attended, to be taken at the host University.**

The Study Plan **must be signed by the student and by the Contact Person for the Agreement.** Any changes to the Study Plan required after the student's arrival at the partner university must be made and formalised **within one month of her/his arrival at the foreign institution.** Any further changes to the Study Plan must be formally agreed by the student with the Agreement Coordinator and a coordinator of the foreign university.

Exams taken during extra-Erasmus mobility **must be validated by the end of December 2025 at the latest.** Exams taken abroad are recorded in the student's career at the end of the entire mobility period, therefore students on other scholarships (e.g. ERDIS, University of Macerata, etc.) are required **to enquire in good time about any dates by which exams must be recorded in order to compete for other financial benefits.**

At the partner location the student must go to the **Mobility or International Relations Office** of the host university to register and sign the certificate of the beginning and end of the study stay.

Art. 8 – Economic contribution

Contributions are usually financed by the ministerial contribution from the Fund that the Ministry allocates to the universities pursuant to decree no. 198/2003.

The financial contribution due will be calculated, according to the foreign location and the documented period of stay abroad, on the basis of the ISEE presented at the time of enrolment for the academic year in question, subject to the following conditions:

- to have acquired foreign credits as provided for in Article 2;
- to be enrolled within the normal duration of the study course increased by one year (no more than one academic year outside the reference academic year, as specified in art. 5).

The maximum amounts of the financial contribution are specified in the table below:

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Valore ISEE	Fascia di contribuzione	Contributo massimo mensile
Fino ad € 15.000,00	I	€ 1400
Da € 15.001,00 ad € 30.000,00	II	€ 1350
Da € 30.001,00 ad € 40.000,00	III	€ 1300
Oltre € 40.001,00 o senza presentazione di valida attestazione ISEE	IV	€ 1250

The financial contribution will be recognised on the basis of the travel and subsistence expenses to be documented at the end of the mobility.

The student will be paid the financial contribution **only if she/he has carried out, at the partner institution, the educational activities for which the foreign partner recognises credits or certifies the activities and which in any case allow the validation of the CFUs at the University of Macerata; for a mobility of 6 months, about 30 CFUs should be acquired (validated by the University of Macerata) which must not be "redundant", but part of the career. If you do not report the credits as specified, you will have to return the advance payment.**

Within 10 days of returning home, and in any case no later than 01/02/2025 for I semester mobility and 01/07/2025 for II semester mobility, in order to allow the full disbursement of the grant, the student must deliver to the University International Mobility Office the following original documents duly stamped and signed by the contact persons of the foreign location:

- **a certificate of the beginning and end of the stay confirming both the dates of the study period abroad and the actual completion of the agreed program** ²;
- **a certificate showing the examinations taken, the activities performed and the minimum credits earned.** (A student who has also gone abroad for thesis research must produce an attestation from the Supervisor certifying that the activity carried out abroad conforms to the work plan approved prior to departure. Any curricular internship performed must be reported in the *learning agreement* and *transcript* issued by the host university at the end of the mobility);
- **Titles of expenses incurred for travel and accommodation:** only documented expenses will be reimbursed, up to the maximum amount provided.

The advance payment of 50% of the expected contribution will be paid within 30 days from the signing of the mobility contract and in any case not before the transmission to the International Mobility Office of the certificate of the beginning of the stay signed by the partner institution; the remaining 50% will be paid at the end of the mobility period, after the student has obtained the recognition of the examinations taken abroad.

The contribution relating to the first instalment will be calculated on the basis of the **ISEEU** for the academic year 2024/2025; if this is not available, the ISEEU for the previous year will be considered. Due updates will be made in the event of differences in the ISEEU at the time of payment of the balance. If the student does not document her/his ISEEU, the maximum value of € 50,001.00 will be considered and she/he will consequently receive the lowest financial contribution.

The student must ask the Mobility or International Relations Office of the host university to issue the document certifying the start date of the study period at the partner university, which the university itself will send by email to both the student and the International Mobility Office of the University of Macerata at cri@unimc.it. In the event that the student renounces the mobility after his/her departure and/or does not obtain the minimum number of CFUs envisaged in the Learning Agreement, he/she will be required to return the sums received.

Art. 9 - Processing of personal data

The personal data transmitted by candidates with their applications to participate in the selection procedure, pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30.06.2003 and the GDPR EU 2016/679, will be processed exclusively for the purposes of managing this procedure.

Art. 10 – Notifications, administrative references and person in charge of the procedure

Please refer to Prof. Francesca Spigarelli for the educational and training references related to the study mobility, as well as for the aspects related to the partner university (nomination, application form, visa, etc.).

For administrative information, Dr. Paola Landi can be contacted at the University International Mobility Office, located in Via Pescheria Vecchia 8, which has the following opening hours: Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 10.30 to 13.00. tel. 0733 258 6044; fax n 0733 258 6039; e-mail address paola.landi@unimc.it

Macerata, 19/02/2024

The Professor in charge of the Agreement
Prof.ssa Francesca Spigarelli

² The total amount of funding is defined on the basis of the actual stay abroad, as documented by the period between the start and end date of the stay as attested by the appropriate certificate.