“CALL FOR VISITING SCIENTISTS”

Within the framework of its internationalization policies and with the aim of fostering the incoming mobility of foreign scholars, the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture of the University of Catania (DICAR hereafter) calls for applications of foreign scholars with extensive scientific experience in order to conduct teaching and research activities.

Art. 1 - ELIGIBILITY

The call for Visiting Scientists offers four grants to foreign scholars with extensive scientific experience coming from foreign Universities and Research Institutions.

The Visiting Scientist call provides for the assignment of four grants to scholars with proven scientific experience, affiliated with foreign universities, research centres or bodies. The scholars will carry out their teaching and research activities at DICAR in collaboration with a department faculty.

Incoming mobility may concern both visiting professors/researchers coming from foreign universities or research institutions with which the University of Catania already holds institutional relationships, and visiting professors/researchers coming from foreign universities or research institutions with which the University of Catania does not have any type of agreement.

Art. 2 – DURATION OF THE VISIT

The visiting period must have a duration of minimum 1 month and will have to take place between 1st January 2024 and 30th June 2024.

Art. 3 - CONTRIBUTION

The Visiting Scientist will be awarded a grant in the form of an expense reimbursement of up to Euro 2,500 (two thousand five hundred). The grant must be expended by June 2024 and can be used to reimburse the scholar’s travel, food and accommodation expenses. There is no refund for participation in workshops and conferences. At the end of the mobility period, the holder of the grant will have to submit a request for reimbursement of the expenses incurred together with a short scientific report, co-signed by her/his contact faculty at DICAR, which illustrates the teaching and research activities carried out. Expenses will be reimbursed after the original tickets/receipts are forwarded to DICAR.

The contribution to the Visiting Scientist will be paid as a lump sum at the end of the activities, upon presentation of a final report on the activity carried out, as provided for in the following art.6.

Accident and civil liability insurance will be covered by the University, while any health insurance coverage will be the responsibility of the Visiting Scientist.

During the stay the Director of DICAR will provide the Visiting Scholars with access to spaces and facilities to carry out the teaching and research activities.

Art. 4 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted by faculty members of DICAR, which will consequently be the referent faculty of the Visiting Scientist at the Department by using the Application Form (ALLEGATO N. 1_Application form)

Applications must be accompanied by:
– acceptance letter of the invitation by the Visiting Scientist;
– the Visiting Scientist’s curriculum vitae (CV);
– a list of the scientific publications of the Visiting Scientist with the indication of the total number of Scopus citations and H index at the date of the application.

Applications, signed by the faculty contact of the Visiting Scientist, must be sent by email as one pdf file with the attached requested documents to the email address: dicar.didattica@unict.it within December 5th, 2017 at 1.00 p.m. (Central European Time). Incomplete applications, applications submitted in paper version and applications submitted after the above-mentioned deadline will not be taken into account.

For each professor or researcher of DICAR, a maximum of one proposal will be approved, subject to budget availability.

Art. 5 – SELECTION PROCESS
Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee made up of the delegate for International Relations and of the delegates for Erasmus+ of DICAR.

The funding will be assigned, at the sole discretion of the committee, on the basis of the CV, the scientific validity of the proposal and its impact for DICAR.

Following the analysis of the applications, the committee will draw up a ranking. The Committee reserves the right to assign a number of contributions lower than the maximum allowed by the available budget if the applications do not meet the required excellence requirements.

The Committee also reserves the right to modify the number and duration of visits based on the applications received.

The contribution, within the limits of the allocated financial availability, will be assigned by DICAR in relation to the ranking, subject to a resolution of the DICAR council and signing of the contract as provided for in the following art.8.

In the event that, once the project is completed, the allocated fund has not been completely spent on the planned activities, DICAR will use the residuals to finance new international activities.

Art. 6 – TASKS OF THE VISITING SCIENTIST
During her/his stay the Visiting Scientist will be required to carry out:

– lectures;
– seminars;
– research activity;
– initiatives to improve teaching and scientific cooperation.

The Visiting Scientist will be requested to carry out any of these activities according to the programme agreed with the faculty contact at DICAR and abide by the regulations for safety in the workplace.
At the end of the stay and in any case within 15 days after the end of the stay, the Visiting Scientist will have to submit to the Director of DICAR a short final report signed by her/his academic contact at DICAR.

**ART. 7 - CONTRACT**

The selected Visiting Scientists will be requested to sign a contract with the Director of DICAR.

**Art. 8 – REFERENCES AND ADVERTISING**

The call for applications and the application form will be published on the website of DICAR in the section: Internazionale – Opportunità all’estero – Docenti.

For any further information you can contact the International Relations Office at the following email address: melania.lombardo@unict.it

**ART. 9 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

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3. The information for the processing of personal data is available on the website www.unict.it, in the "University » Protection of personal data » Information and exercise of rights" section.

4. The data controller is the University of Catania, which can be contacted at the email address rettorato@unict.it. The data protection officer can be contacted at the email address: rpd@unict.it.

5. The Data Protection Officer processed by the University of Catania, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, can be contacted at the following emails: dicar.didattica@unict.it

**ART. 10 - Responsible for the Procedure**

Pursuant to law 7 August 1990, n. 241 and subsequent amendments, the person responsible for the procedure referred to in this announcement is Eng. Melania Lombardo, Head of the International Mobility Office of the Teaching and Student Services Office of the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Via S. Santa Sofia 64 Catania – tel. 095/7382015 – email: melania.lombardo@unict.it.

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