Call for Applications: Financial support for thesis research activities abroad

The Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry – TESAF – offers a financial support to meet expenses of Forest Science students carrying out thesis-related activities in a country outside Italy.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

Who is eligible for financial support:

Students who are currently and regularly enrolled in the Forest Science MSc and are carrying out or are planning to carry out thesis-related research for a period of no less than 8 weeks in any country outside Italy, starting from the academic year 2023-2024.

Who is not eligible financial support:

1. Students who already benefit from grants or funding aimed at supporting their study activities, i.e. recipients of
   - Erasmus + mobility grants
   - Erasmus Mundus grants
   - Padova Excellence Scholarship grants
   - grants to support mobility under the Transfor-M double degree program to Canada
   - other similar grants provided for the same purpose under calls for proposals issued by the Department.

2. Students who are carrying out their thesis work in their country of origin or residence

The financial support will be awarded to students meeting the requirements and according to the order of arrival of applications until funds are exhausted.

The financial support will be issued upon return from the mobility period based on effective expenses incurred for travel and accommodation and only after having submitted the hard copies of receipts stating such expenses.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The amount of the financial support is:

- € 1,500 max when thesis-related activities are carried out in European countries. Five individual grants are available
- **€ 2,000** max when thesis-related activities carried out in **non-European countries**. **Four** individual grants are available

**HOW TO APPLY**

Fill out the attached application form, sign it and send it to direzione.tesaf@unipd.it and in cc to the Forest Science Coordinator (paola.gatto@unipd.it)

Make sure that you indicate following data:

- the thesis title
- the name of the UNIPD thesis supervisor and of foreign co-supervisors, if any
- the foreign country where the thesis will be carried out and a short description of the activities
- name and address of hosting foreign institutions, if any
- the length of the period of stay abroad (expected dates of arrival in and departure from the country)

**The application must be signed also by the Unipd thesis supervisor**

Recipients must notify direzione.tesaf@unipd.it (with paola.gatto@unipd.it in cc) any delay with respect to the timing or deviation and/or modification of the agreed activities initially foreseen in the program, justifying the reasons.

In case the departure to the foreign country does not take place **within 3 months** from the date of submission of the application, the grant will be cancelled.

**PAYMENTS**

The grant will be paid upon returning from the mobility period abroad, and upon presentation of following documents by email to the President of the Degree Course:

- the final copy of the thesis in digital version (sent by email to the Forest Science Coordinator)
- a declaration signed by the student and countersigned by the thesis supervisor or by the representative of the foreign institution that hosted the student certifying the student’s stay abroad and the relative length of the period of stay (sent by email to the Forest Science Coordinator)
- hard copies of receipts stating the effective expenses incurred (delivered by hand to the TESAF department)

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Head of Department

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