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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:  
TRAVEL GRANT TO SUPPORT  
RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD**



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### **Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL**

The PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences, aiming to promote international mobility among students and foster the development of new scientific collaborations, announces a call for applications for 8 travel grants to support PhD students who will conduct a research period abroad at universities, institutions, or research centers during the year 2026.

If all grants are not awarded, another call will be rescheduled by the end of 2026.

The grant is in addition to the availability of the research budget assigned to each PhD student and the increase in the scholarship for periods abroad longer than 15 days, provided by the University

### **Art. 2 – ELIGIBILITY**

Travel grants are open to students enrolled in the PhD in Biomedical Sciences who intend to undertake a research period abroad at universities, institutions, or research centers located outside Italy. The research period must be at least 6 months long, with a start date from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and end date by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. The required 6-month period may be carried out in more than one mobility period, provided that the cumulative time spent abroad is at least 6 months.

It will be considered a preferential title not to be a holder of a doctoral scholarship.

According to the aim of the grant, the Call is not open for MSCA researcher,

### **Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applicants must upload the following documents to the platform

<https://forms.gle/Td1g2yADbC6sZLDw7>

by 09/04/2026:

1. Application form (all.1)
2. Detailed research proposal (in English) including (all.2):
  - o State of the art (max 4,000 characters);
  - o Objectives of the research project (max 8,000 characters);
  - o Proposed timeline (max 4,000 characters).
3. Letter of acceptance from the host institution or a declaration from the host supervisor.
4. Declaration from the supervisor of the Doctoral School, certifying the validity and relevance of the application.

Incomplete applications or those missing any of the required documents will be excluded.

Failure to meet the deadline indicated for submitting the application to participate in the competition results in exclusion from the selection process. The postmark will not be authentic to comply with the deadline.

### **Art. 4 – AWARD PROCEDURE**

The travel grants will be awarded based on the judgment expressed by a Commission, appointed by the Director of the Department of Biomedical Sciences and composed of the Coordinator of the PhD programme and two tenured professors and/or researchers affiliated with the PhD programme.

For the purposes of evaluating candidates and forming the final ranking which will be expressed in 50 points, the Commission will take into account the following parameters:

- Priorities (PhD student without fellowship, PhD student of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, departure within 30/04/2026, departure within 31/12/2026) - maximum 24 points



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- Compliance of the project with the research topic – maximum 26 points.

Applicants are admitted to the merit ranking with a minimum score of 20/50.

The Commission reserves the right not to award one or more travel grants, if in its unquestionable judgment the nominations submitted are not deemed worthy.

Applications that do not fully meet the required conditions will not be considered.

Winners will be notified in writing of the award by email, at the address indicated in the application to participate in the call for proposals. The outcome of the selection will be published on the website of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the link <https://www.biomed.unipd.it/didattica/phd-program-biomedical-sciences/applications>

False production of documents and/or false attestation leads to exclusion from the competition or the right of recourse in the case of a prize already awarded.

#### **Art. 5 – AMOUNT AND METHOD OF DISBURSEMENT**

Candidates who are successful will be assigned to the ranking.

Travel grants will be awarded to the top 8 candidates on the list and will be paid in two parts by the Department of Biomedical Sciences after formal approval of the documents has been obtained:

1. 50% on arrival, of which an advance may be paid for documented travel and accommodation expenses.
2. 50% upon completion of the research period.

The gross amount receiving each fellowship is equal to € 4.875,00.

In case the doctoral student requests co-financing of the mission with other research funds (e.g. Research budget), a daily flat-rate treatment of 77,00 € will be recognized.

#### **Art. 6 – CONDITIONS AND REVOCATION**

If the duration of the research period abroad is shorter than declared the grant will be revoked, and any received amounts of the grant must be reimbursed to the department of Biomedical Science.

#### **Art. 7 – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to Article 4 of Law 241 of August 7, 1990 (Nuove norme in materia di procedimento amministrativo e di diritto di accesso ai documenti amministrativi), Professor Rosario Rizzuto, Director of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, is appointed Head of Administrative Procedure. Candidates have the right to exercise the right of access to the documents of the insolvency proceedings in the manner provided for in Presidential Decree No. 184 of 12 April 2006 (Regolamento recante disciplina in materia di accesso ai documenti amministrativi in conformità al capo V della Legge 241/90).

#### **Art. 7 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this notice takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). Further information can be found here: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>



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### **General Information:**

This competition notice with the facsimile for the application for admission is available at:  
<http://www.biomed.unipd.it/>

Further information and detailed rules can be requested at the email address  
[didattica.biomed@unipd.it](mailto:didattica.biomed@unipd.it)

### **Attachments:**

- 1 – Application Form
- 2 – Research proposal

The Head of the Department

Prof. Rosario Rizzuto