Department of Chemical Sciences

2024 CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Article 1 (Goals)

The University Program on International Mobility, approved by the Academic Senate on 23/3/2018 and by the Board of Directors on 26/3/2018, aims to enhance the international dimensions of research and teaching through the promotion of networks and agreements of scientific and cultural cooperation that enhance the exchange of teachers and students. In this context, through the establishment of an "International Mobility Incentive Fund," each Department has received resources intended for the international mobility of incoming and/or outgoing teachers. The period of international mobility for faculty members is aimed at research activities (publications, research projects) and/or at teaching, and ideally also at the signing of new framework agreements or implementing conventions.

Article 2 (Applicants and Beneficiaries)

Outgoing Mobility

Requests for outgoing mobility can be submitted by faculty members of the Department of Chemical Sciences (DSC). The period of mobility abroad must have a minimum duration of 1 month and must be carried out at foreign universities and/or scientific institutions.

Incoming Mobility

Requests for incoming mobility can be submitted by visiting professors or visiting scientists from foreign universities or research institutions. The period of mobility at DSC must have a minimum duration of 1 month.

Article 3 (Terms and Application Procedures)

The deadline for submitting applications is on 30/09/2024. The applications must be sent to both the following addresses: dsc@unict.it and gmarino@unict.it

Outgoing Mobility

The applications must include:
1. An invitation letter from the host institution, indicating the period of stay.

2. An outgoing mobility work program outlining the activities to be carried out during the mobility and illustrating the benefits to the DSC.

3. Curriculum vitae and list of publications.

4. A budget estimate indicating which expenses will be covered by the funding.

**Incoming Mobility**

The applications must include:

1. Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications.

2. A work program to be carried out during the period of stay at the DSC. The teaching activities, including seminars, can support all study programs at the DSC, including doctoral research courses.

3. A budget estimate indicating which expenses will be covered by the funding.

4. An invitation letter from a faculty member of the DSC, indicating the period of mobility.

**Article 4 (Funding and Selection)**

The DSC received a portion of the incentive and reward fund for international mobility, amounting to € 7,488.01 (Resolution of the Board of Directors, 30/05/2024), and co-fines the fund with € 2,511.99 (Department Council, 24/06/2024). The total funding amounts to €10,000.00.

The entire amount is distributed as follows:

3 grants, €2,000 each, for incoming mobility (*visiting professor/researcher*)

2 grants, €2,000 each, for outgoing mobility (*visiting outgoing*)
In the event that one or more grants intended for one of the two types of mobility are not assigned, the Department reserves the right to allocate the remaining amount to finance requests for the other type, provided they have obtained a positive evaluation.

The requests for outgoing and incoming mobility will be examined and assigned, based on the submitted documentation, by a departmental committee. Such committee will be proposed by the Director and approved by the Department Council.

After the selection, the Director, upon request of the internal contact faculty member, will send a formal invitation letter to the incoming visiting scholar.

The contact faculty member of each visiting scholar, together with the Erasmus and Internationalization delegate of the DSC, will be responsible for guiding the visitor through the procedures upon arrival, during the stay, and upon departure (including the reimbursement procedure and the writing of the report detailing the activities carried out).

**Article 5 (Accounting and Final Report)**

The grant can be used to reimburse travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses. It cannot be used for conference and seminar participation. At the end of the mobility period, the grant holder will submit a reimbursement request for the incurred expenses (demonstrated by tickets/receipts/invoices), along with a scientific report detailing the activities carried out. In the case of outgoing mobility, an attestation issued by the hosting university should also be included.

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THE DIRECTOR