



**Department of Chemical Sciences
CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY 2026**

Art. 1 (Purpose)

The University International Mobility Programme, approved by the Academic Senate (SA) on 23/03/2018 and by the Board of Directors (CdA) on 26/03/2018, as subsequently amended and supplemented, aims to strengthen the international dimension of research and teaching by promoting scientific and cultural cooperation networks and agreements that foster the exchange of academic and research staff and students. Within this framework, through the establishment of an “International Mobility Incentive Fund”, each Department has been allocated resources for the international mobility of incoming and/or outgoing academic and research staff.

The international mobility period for academic and research staff is intended for research activities (publications, research projects) and/or teaching activities and, where possible, also for the conclusion of new framework agreements or implementing agreements.

Art. 2 (Applicants and beneficiaries)

Outgoing mobility

Applications for outgoing mobility may be submitted by permanent teaching and research staff of the DSC.

The period of mobility abroad must have a minimum duration of 1 month and must take place at foreign universities and/or scientific institutions.

Incoming mobility

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

Art. 3 (Application deadline and submission procedure)

The deadline for submitting applications is 31/10/2026. Applications must be sent by email to both of the following addresses: dsc@unict.it and gmarino@unict.it

Outgoing mobility

Applications must include:

1. An invitation letter from the host institution, specifying the period of mobility;
2. A work programme describing the activities to be carried out during the mobility period and the benefits to the DSC;



3. 3. The curriculum vitae and list of publications.
4. 4. A list of incoming and outgoing mobility periods previously undertaken by the applicant, together with any publications and/or project activities resulting from such mobility;
5. 5. A budget estimate indicating which expenses will be covered by the funding.

Incoming mobility

Applications must include:

1. 1. The curriculum vitae, including the list of publications;
2. 2. A work programme to be carried out during the stay at the DSC. Teaching activities, including seminars, may support all DSC degree programmes, including PhD programmes.
3. 3. A budget estimate indicating which expenses will be covered by the funding.
4. 4. An invitation letter from a DSC faculty member, specifying the mobility period and listing the incoming and outgoing mobility periods previously undertaken by the DSC faculty member, together with any publications and/or project activities resulting from such mobility.

Art. 4 (Funding and Selection)

The DSC has been allocated a share of the incentive and reward fund for the international mobility of academic and research staff amounting to €4,151.22 (Decree of the Director General No. 421810/2026) and has resolved (Department Council of 21/09/2026) to co-finance the programme with €5,848.74 from departmental resources allocated to the promotion of internationalisation, for a total of €10,000.

The total amount will be allocated at €2500 per mobility and will be primarily assigned to:

- • No. 2 incoming mobility periods (visiting professor/researcher) + No. 2 outgoing mobility periods (visiting outgoing).

If one or more contributions allocated to either of the two types of mobility are not awarded, the Department reserves the right to use the remaining funds to finance other mobility applications, provided that they have received a positive evaluation.

Applications for outgoing and incoming mobility will be examined by a departmental committee on the basis of the submitted documentation. The departmental committee will be proposed by the Director and approved by the Department Council.

In assessing applications, the committee will give priority to candidates who have not benefited from outgoing mobility during the previous five years and to those who are not invited by Department faculty members who, during the same period, have benefited from incoming mobility.

The following criteria will also be taken into consideration:

- the scientific quality of the publications produced by the applicants during the previous five years;



- for applicants who have already benefited from mobility, either incoming or outgoing, or who are invited by faculty members who have already participated in the departmental mobility programme, either incoming or outgoing, any scientific publications or documented project activities resulting from previous mobility experiences.

Art. 5 (Procedures following selection)

For outgoing mobility:

The faculty member shall send a note to the Department Director, attaching an invitation/acceptance letter from the host institution or other documentation specifying the timing and content of the activities to be carried out abroad. The Department Director will issue the faculty member with the authorisation after receiving the relevant approval. The faculty member may then complete the online form (for notification to the Rector, ADI, ARI and ARU). Upon returning from the mobility period, the faculty member must submit to their relevant UDI a final report (certifying Visiting Professor/Visiting Researcher status and specifying the dates and content of the mobility) prepared by the foreign partner, for recognition of the activity carried out and for University reporting. The relevant UDI will forward the final report to the International Relations Unit for University reporting. Reference link: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/outgoing-visitingprofessorresearcher>

For incoming mobility:

The visiting professor/researcher will agree with a designated faculty member on the period and content of the activities to be carried out at UniCT. The contact faculty member will submit a formal request to the Department Director and the International Teaching Unit (IDU). The Department Director will then send an invitation letter to the visiting professor/researcher. The visiting professor/researcher may complete the appropriate online form, attaching the invitation letter received from the host department. The visiting professor/researcher will register their arrival with the International Teaching Unit, which will notify the Rector, the Teaching Area (ADI), the Research Area (ARI) and the Human Resources Area (ARU). At the end of the mobility period, the designated faculty member will provide the International Teaching Unit with a final report in English, which will be sent to the International Relations Unit for the issue of the “Visiting Certificate” signed by the Rector.

Reference link: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/incoming-visitingprofessorresearcher>

The internal contact person for each visiting professor/researcher selected for mobility at the DSC must send a formal mobility request letter to the Director and the DSC International Teaching Unit; the Director will then send the invitation letter.

The contact person for each visiting professor/researcher, assisted by the DSC Erasmus and Internationalisation Delegate, will be responsible for guiding the visitor through the procedures upon arrival, during the stay and upon departure—including the request for reimbursement of expenses incurred and a report describing the activities carried out—established by the University International Mobility Programme and detailed at the following link: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/incoming-visiting-professorresearcher>



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Art. 6 (Financial Reporting and Final Report)

The contribution may be used to reimburse travel, food and accommodation expenses. It may not be used for participation in conferences and symposia. At the end of the mobility period, the beneficiary must submit a request for reimbursement of the expenses incurred, together with a scientific report describing the activities carried out and, in the case of outgoing mobility, a certificate issued by the host university.

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