



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

Dipartimento di Filosofia e Scienze dell'Educazione

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT 2018-2022  
SHORT-TERM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VISITING STUDENTS: MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH**

**FIRST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019**

Publication of call: 25 March 2019

Deadline: 3 May 2019, 11 a.m. Rome Time

Please note that only the Italian version of the call is legally binding

The Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences of the University of Turin (hereinafter the Department) has started the selection process to award short-term scholarships for postgraduate visiting students (MA level) from non-Italian universities within the *Department of Excellence Project 2018-2022*.

10 Departments of the University of Turin won a national selection launched in 2017 by the Italian Ministry for University and Research, which had identified 180 "Departments of Excellence" in Italy. The University Departments will receive national funding for projects on the quality of research, with investments in human capital, infrastructures and highly qualified teaching activities.

Through this Project, the Department fosters international exchanges of professors and students, thus increasing its international networks. Therefore, attracting international visiting students to conduct their research work for the final thesis on common fields of interest is one of the main goal of the *Department of Excellence Project*.

The first call for applications is awarding **three short-term scholarships for visiting students who wish to prepare their Master's thesis** on specific subjects selected by the Department Board (Board Resolutions dated 17 December 2018, 17 January 2019 and 6 March 2019).

Candidates must be postgraduate students enrolled in a non-Italian university (MA level) and willing to spend **3-6 months in Torino by the end of the year 2020**.



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### PROGRAMME DETAILS

Academic Supervisor	No. Of fellowships	Months	Activities	Academic Supervisor's Research Topics and webpage	Grant (gross amount before taxes)
Prof. Erminia ARDISSINO	1	3	A dissertation research on a topic involving literature and the sacred, suitable to the project "Forme letterarie del sacro". This project is designed to promote research in Italian literature, where are present or undermined aspects of a relation of human beings with the Absolute, both in the forms of denial or of affirmation of transcendental entities. Religious aspects of Italian literature have been often neglected, today there is much attention, but especially due to historians and philologists. The projects involves literary scholars, is based on literary criticism, and intends to detect the way words and forms of discourse are used for expressing desires and convictions, regarding the sacred in Italian literature from the origin to our times.	Her research deals with Italian literature from Dante to the Baroque age, with special attention to the relationship with history of ideas and religious experience. Currently she is exploring Biblical reading and writing in Early Modern Italy, focusing on women interpretative communities and on rewriting the Bible in poetry, narrative forms, drama. She has also studied liturgical influence on Dante's Divine Comedy, and prayer forms in 20th c. Italian poetry.	€ 4,286.00
Prof. Massimo LEONE	2	6	The research stay is meant to enable the grantee to improve their knowledge of theoretical and applied semiotics, with particular reference to the analysis of digital cultures. The grantee will develop a research and dissertation project at <a href="http://www.circe.univa.it">CIRCE, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research on Communication</a> , bearing on the impact of new digital technologies on present-day communication trends, with specific attention to the phenomena of identity exhibition and occultation.	Semiotics of Digital Cultures; <a href="http://www.unito.academia.edu/MassimoLeone">www.unito.academia.edu/MassimoLeone</a>	€ 8,572.00



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### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be admitted to the selection of one of the three short-term scholarships, applicants must be postgraduate students enrolled in a non-Italian university (MA level) in the academic year 2018/2019 and willing to spend **3-6 months in Torino by the end of the year 2020**. Essential requirement for the fellowship whose academic supervisor is prof. Ardissino is the knowledge of the Italian language.

### **ECTS RECOGNITION**

The Department will **NOT** recognize any credits (ECTS) to the visiting students. Upon request, the Academic Supervisor will only send a work evaluation of the project to the visiting student's home University by letter headed paper of the Department or by e-mail.

### **DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

**The research period for the scholarship lasts mandatory 3-6 months** and must be conducted by the end of year 2020. **Extensions to the duration of the scholarships are not allowed.**

### **AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The amount specified in the scheme above is meant as a total gross grant before taxes covering costs of VISA, insurance, accommodation and board for the whole duration of the scholarship. The Department will cover the roundtrip travel costs (economy class) from/to the home University of the selected student. Other additional contributions from the Department are not expected.

In case of renounce or interruption of the stay without rightful motivation, the visiting student is requested to give back the study grant as total or partial restitution.

The grant will be paid in monthly instalments to the bank account of the student.

**Please note that the recipient of the scholarship must stipulate, on his/her own, an insurance of civil liability to third parties, as well as an injury insurance coverage for the entire period of stay at the Department.**

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Application forms must be filled out and submitted by using the specific application form (**APPENDIX A**), which is available on <https://www.dfe.unito.it>, under the section "Bandi interni e graduatorie".

In order to complete the application, the following documents must be included:

- a Curriculum Vitae in European format written in English and/or Italian (models on <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae/templates-instructions/templates/doc>);
- the Transcript of Academic Records: i.e. an official document issued by the home University in English, French, Spanish, German or Portuguese, showing the credits and grades the candidate received;
- a project work (maximum 7,000 characters) on the thesis research activity with a detailed description of goals and methodology. The project work **can** be written in English and/ or in Italian and **must** be in one of the fields of research proposed in this call for applications;
- a copy of the candidate's valid ID (for EU citizens) or passport (for non-EU citizens);



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- a recommendation letter - Letter from the applicant's home Supervisor, discussing the applicant and the merits of the proposed project work,
- Italian language certificate (mandatory for the research supervised by Prof. Erminia ARDISSINO).

All documents must be sent by email with return receipt in **PDF format** to [international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it). The email subject for sending applications must be: **"Bando per la mobilità studentesca (Dipartimento di Eccellenza) A.A. 2018-2019/ Call for applications: Short-term scholarships for visiting students (Department of Excellence) A.Y. 2018-2019"**.

Incomplete and late applications will not be processed.

Please note that the procedure outlined above is solely for the purpose of obtaining a fellowship within this call for applications. All applicants are responsible for obtaining separate approval from their home University, if necessary. Please note that the University Administration holds no responsibility for lack of communication due to incorrect contact information or inefficiency of the candidates' network services.

### **DEADLINE**

Application must be submitted by **3 May 2019, 11.00 a.m. Central European Rome Time**.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Applications will be evaluated and approved by a specific Committee, composed by the Director of the Department, or his/her delegate and the academic Supervisors listed in the scheme mentioned above.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the project work related to the activities proposed above;
2. Recommendation letter by the applicant's home Supervisor;
3. Knowledge of the Italian language (mandatory for the research supervised by Prof. Erminia ARDISSINO).

Please note that in the event of parity, the younger candidate will be selected.

The list of eligible candidates will be published on the Department website <https://www.dfe.unito.it> starting from **13 May 2019**.

The Department will inform candidates about the publication of the results of the selection by sending exclusively an email to the address specified in the application form. However, the email is meant for information purpose only. **Candidates are therefore requested to check by themselves the results on the Department website.**

Admitted candidates must **accept the scholarship otherwise refuse it within a period of 10 solar days** starting from the following day of the ranking list publication, according to the procedures notified in the publication itself or by sending an e-mail to [international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it).

Candidates who do not accept the grant will be automatically excluded from the list and they will lose every right to the mobility.



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Acceptance of the research scholarship represents a professional obligation that the student assumes towards the Department. For this reason, in case of renounce, candidates must immediately inform the Department and the International Relations Office by sending an e-mail to [international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it).

Before the departure from the Country of origin, visiting students will receive information about the administrative procedures to be completed.

Planning their visit, **non-EU citizens must take into account the timing requested for visa procedures** (for details please check <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx> or contact [international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it)).

### ***VISITING FELLOWS' OBLIGATIONS***

At the end of the scholarship period, **within 15 days after the return in their home University, visiting students must present a report subscribed and approved by their academic Supervisor** about their research activities at the Department, to the International Office via e-mail ([international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it)).

### ***DATA PROTECTION***

All personal data supplied by the applicants during the application process will be treated according to the principles of data protection established by the European Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation). Applicants can exercise their rights on their personal data by sending an email to [international.humanities@unito.it](mailto:international.humanities@unito.it).

Torino, 25 March 2019

Il Direttore  
(Prof. Gianluca Cuozzo)