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**CALL 2026/2027 DESU SHORT-TERM VISITING PROFESSOR
EXCELLENCE DEPARTMENT 2023–2027**

THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

CONSIDERING IT APPROPRIATE to pursue the internationalization strategy already initiated by the Department of Education and Human Sciences;

HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 232 of 11 December 2016, establishing the “Fund for the financing of university Departments of Excellence”;

HAVING REGARD TO the ANVUR ranking of the 180 Departments awarded funding for the five-year period 2023–2027, including the Department of Education and Human Sciences;

RECALLING the Excellence Department Project 2023–2027 “An interdisciplinary research hub for the analysis and contrast of new forms of illiteracy”, developed by the aforementioned Department, and in particular section D.7 “High-quality teaching activities” (p. 8), which provides that:

“High-quality teaching will be connected to the development of research and internationalization through: [...] the annual appointment of at least one internationally renowned visiting professor to deliver lectures in PhD programmes and Master's degree programmes (€75,000).”

RECALLING the Resolution of the Department Council dated 12/03/2026;

CONFIRMING the availability of budget in the DESU fund: Dipartimento di Eccellenza 2023–2027 (CUP: E83C22006680001);

CONSIDERING the intention to further enhance and support the Master's degree programmes and PhD programmes administratively hosted by the Department;

CONSIDERING the intention to implement the above-mentioned Excellence Department Project through the provision of financial contributions to foreign professors and researchers with proven teaching experience who will collaborate with the study programmes by delivering teaching activities (lectures, training modules, and course instruction) in English, unless specific linguistic needs of the programme require otherwise;

ISSUES THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

Article 1

From the date of publication of this notice on the *Albo online di Ateneo*, the selection procedure is launched for **no. 3 Short-Term Visiting Professors for the academic year 2026/27 under the Excellence Department Project “An interdisciplinary research hub for the analysis and contrast of new forms of illiteracy”** of the Department of Education and Human Sciences (hereinafter “DESU”).

This call and its annexes, which form an integral part of it, are published at the following link: <https://www.unimore.it/en/university/calls/selection-procedure-no-3-short-term-visiting-professors-202627-under-desu> and on the website of the Department of Education and Human



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Premise

The Department of Education and Human Sciences of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia publishes the 2026/2027 DESU Visiting Professor Call, aimed at implementing the Excellence Department Project “*An interdisciplinary research hub for the analysis and contrast of new forms of illiteracy*”—section D.7 “High-quality teaching activities” (p. 8):

“High-quality teaching will be connected to the development of research and internationalization through: [...] the annual appointment of at least one internationally renowned visiting professor to deliver lectures in PhD programmes and Master's degree programmes [...]”.

The call supports and encourages the incoming mobility of Professors and Researchers from foreign universities into Master's degree programmes, Single-cycle Master's degree programmes, and PhD programmes administratively hosted by the Department.

Subject of the Call

The call provides financial support for **no. 3 foreign Professors or Researchers** who will collaborate with the above-mentioned study programmes by delivering teaching activities (seminars, training modules, course instruction) in English, unless specific linguistic needs of the programme require otherwise.

Eligible candidates are foreign professors and researchers who currently hold or have previously held positions equivalent to Full Professor, Associate Professor, or Researcher in Italian universities, within their own university or in public or private research centres.

Foreign professors may undertake, in the academic year 2026/27—between **21 September 2026 and 29 May 2027**—the following mobility:

- **n. 3 Visiting professor Short-Term** 30 days (1 month)

During their stay, visiting professors may carry out the following activities:

- teaching modules forming an integral part of the study programme, for a total of not less than 12 hours per month;
- seminars within Study Programmes and PhD Programmes (at least 4 per month).

The visiting periods must take place during the academic calendar of a.y. 2026/27.

Financial compensation for a Short-Term (30-day) Visiting Professor will be approximately:

- €4,500 gross per month.

Application

The call is open to foreign professors and researchers. The application, drafted on plain paper using the form in Annex 1, signed and addressed to the Director of the Department of Education and Human Sciences, viale Timavo 93, 42121 Reggio Emilia, must be submitted by certified email



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to: segreteriaadesu@pec.unimore.it no later than **2:00 p.m. CEST (UTC+2) on 14 March 2026.**

Applications, documents, or qualifications received after this deadline will not be considered.

The subject line must read: – ***“Application – Call 2026/2027 DESU Visiting Professor (Name Surname)”***

Each application must include:

1. Personal and professional data of the candidate;
2. Curriculum Vitae including a list of the 5 most significant publications/monographs from the last 5 years, and/or participation as speaker in international conferences/seminars in the last 5 years;
3. A letter of endorsement from a professor/researcher of the Department, including a brief academic biography of the candidate
4. (list of Department members available here:
5. <https://www.desu.unimore.it/it/dipartimento/personale-del-dipartimento>);
6. A statement of motivation explaining the reasons for teaching in Reggio Emilia, the DESU professors/researchers with whom the candidate intends to collaborate, the planned teaching activities, methodology, and expected outcomes;
7. A teaching activity plan for the entire stay;
8. A scanned copy of the candidate’s valid passport (or ID);
9. Data processing authorisation (**Annex 2**).

The Administration reserves the right to verify all submitted declarations.

Financial Conditions

The economic compensation is to be understood as inclusive of the withholdings and contributions payable by the recipient, as well as of the travel expenses (outbound and return), food and accommodation costs, any expenses related to the issuance of the entry visa for self-employment and of the residence permit for Visiting Professors of non-EU nationality, any expenses for health insurance coverage, the premium for the mandatory extension of the insurance coverage “Third-party liability and liability towards employees”, and everything related to the formalization of the contract.

It will be the responsibility of the foreign recipient to assess whether to request the application of international agreements against double taxation (Tax Treaty), where existing, and to present to the University the certification issued by the competent Authority of their own country proving their taxpayer status.

Accommodation

The Unimore International Welcome Desk will provide information/support regarding



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accommodation facilities in Modena and Reggio Emilia upon request.

Selection and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assessed by a Committee appointed by the Director of the Department, based on:

- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae;
- Coherence between the academic profile and the proposed teaching activities;
- Quality of the proposed programme and appropriateness of the duration;
- Expected impact on the Department's internationalization strategy.

If candidates are equally qualified, preference will be given to foreign nationals.

The Department reserves the right to select fewer candidates if the applications do not meet the required standards of excellence.

Winners will receive formal notification via e-mail only. Candidates must therefore provide a valid email address.

Activities

At the end of the visiting period, the Visiting Professor must submit a detailed report of activities carried out, which will be presented to the Department Council.

If the Visiting Professor is unable to complete part of the assigned activities, compensation will be proportionally reduced.

In case of non-compliance, no compensation will be paid and the Visiting Professor will be excluded from future calls within the Excellence Department Project.

Miscellaneous

The Visiting Professor must sign an occasional collaboration contract for stays of 30 days, or a self-employed work contract for longer stays.

Any additional activities must be authorised by the Department without extra cost.

The Department guarantees internal logistics and access to spaces during the visit.

Compensation will be paid monthly, upon authorisation by the Director and verification of completed activities.

Officer in Charge of the Procedure

Pursuant to Article 4 of Law 241/1990, the officer in charge is

Prof. Annamaria Contini - e-mail: direttore.educazione@unimore.it

Personal Data Processing.

In accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 and EU Regulation 2016/679, personal data collected for this call will be processed solely for the purposes of this selection procedure, using IT systems and paper archives.



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