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CALL FOR GRANTS FOR THESIS RESEARCH ABROAD

This call is addressed to graduates and graduating students of the degree programmes offered by the Department of Pharmacy and Biotechnologies – Rimini campus

1. SELECTION, AIMS AND GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Department provides study grants aimed at supporting graduates and graduating students to carry out the research for their final thesis abroad. The Call is reserved to:

- 1) Graduating students enrolled in the single cycle degree programmes in Pharmacy (ENG) and Farmacia (ITA – Rimini campus) willing to carry out activities regarding the preparation of their final dissertation for which the recognition of CFUs is foreseen;
- 2) (*subordinately*) Graduating students and students that graduated **no longer than 6 months prior to the deadline** in the single cycle degree programmes in Pharmacy (ENG) and Farmacia (ITA – Rimini campus) willing to carry out activities regarding further in-depth studies of themes coherent with their thesis project.

Such conditions must be met by the deadlines mentioned below.

This Call has two rounds and, consequently, two deadlines within the year 2024:

March 7th 2024 and October 7th 2024

Round 1: the research abroad period must begin no sooner than 60 days and no later than 6 months after the deadline (departure after 07/05/2024 and before 07/09/2024). Only for Round 1 it is possible, upon clearly motivated request to be presented with the application submission, to depart only 30 days after the deadline, with no guarantee that the grant can be received before the day of departure.

Round 2: the research abroad period must begin no sooner than 90 days and no later than 7 months after the deadline (departure after 07/01/2025 and before 07/04/2024)

The aim of the grants is to allow students to carry out part of the preparation or of the follow-up research of their final thesis abroad. Only projects and thesis with international content and spectrum and projects for which the research material and labs abroad are particularly relevant and useful will be taken under consideration.

The selection will be carried out by an Evaluation Committee made up of the professors of the Department.

2. BUDGET AND GRANTS

The specific amount of each grant will be determined by the Evaluation Committee and it will not be lower than €1.100,00 nor higher than €3.100,00 (gross).

The grant cannot be provided for a period shorter than 3 months or longer than 6 months.

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Still, the possibility to remain abroad for a period longer than 6 months is still granted to students (in which case they would be insured but would no longer receive a grant), provided they present such request at the moment of their application, indicating the start and end dates in *Attachment A* (see below).

In case the grant beneficiary does not go abroad during the foreseen period, the received amount will have to be returned. In case the period abroad carried out is shorter than 3 months the whole amount will have to be returned, whereas if the period abroad gets interrupted after 3 months the amount will be returned in proportion to the length of the permanence abroad.

For **each round** a maximum total of **€3.000** is foreseen.

The amount of each grant will be defined based on the following and may vary based on length of stay and destination:

- max (gross) € 600/month for countries overseas
- max (gross) € 500/month for countries in Europe

Students cannot benefit from more than one grant during the same mobility period.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Evaluation Committee will consider the following criteria (listed by priority):

- 1) Activity project, detailing the activity to be carried out abroad, as well as the candidate motivation underlying the project and the choice of the destination;
- 2) Academic career and grades average (computed based on the grades registered by the round’s deadline);
- 3) Priority to students who have not yet done an experience abroad during their studies;
- 4) Priority to students enrolled in international degree programmes.

Specific requirements:

- Candidates, by the round deadline, must have earned at least 180 CFUs;
- Candidates must have a grade average of 24/30.

In case of graduates, candidates must have gotten a final grade of at least 105/110.

The Evaluation Committee can set a minimum score under which candidates might be considered eligible but not given a grant. Eligible candidates will still be authorized to carry out their activity abroad.

The Evaluation Committee can also set a minimum score under which candidates might be considered not eligible.

The overall evaluation will be expressed in /100ths. In case of equal points (ex aequo) priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

4. HOW TO APPLY

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The application must be sent by March 7th 2024 at 1 PM for the 1st round and by October 7th 2024 at 1 PM for the second round, exclusively via *Studenti Online* by clicking on “Calls” and selecting “BANDO BORSE TESI ALL’ESTERO 2024 – FABIT RIMINI”

For assistance on the online application candidates can contact the Help Desk at +39 0512080301 or via email at help.studentionline@unibo.it.

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION

Candidates, under penalty of exclusion from the procedure, must fill out, sign and upload the following:

- a) EU-format CV (dated and signed)
- b) **Allegato A** properly filled out
- c) Detailed thesis project (in Italian or English) signed by **both** the students and his/her thesis supervisor – the description must include title, foreseen length (in terms of time), abstract, aims and goals, motivation underlying the choice of topic and destination, description of the host institution/lab/research group, methods to be used.
- d) Declaration by the UNIBO thesis supervisor (in one single pdf) containing
 1. his/her written approval of the thesis project attesting the usefulness of the activity;
 2. contact person at the host institution and agreements made with the host institution regarding the mobility
 3. name of the candidate’s tutor at the host institution
- e) Acceptance letter dated and signed by the Head of the host institution/lab/research group.

6. RANKING LIST

The ranking list will include the candidates’ student numbers (*matricola*), their score, grant amount, destination and period to spend abroad. Eligible candidates with no grant will also be indicated. The ranking list will be published here: <https://bandi.unibo.it/agevolazioni/borse-mobilita>.

7. ACCEPTING THE GRANT

After the ranking list gets published, each successful candidate will receive an email to their UNIBO email address indicating the grant amount together with the attachments necessary to accept it, which winners will need to send back, properly filled out and signed, to campusrimini.didatticasv@unibo.it within maximum 7 working days from receiving the email, under penalty of losing the grant. Alternatively, winners can bring the completed attachments to Ufficio Scienze Qualità della Vita, via dei Mille 39 - Rimini, 1st floor Monday through Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 14:00-15:30.

The grant cannot be issued prior to 60 days after the publication of the ranking list. Any needed change of start and/or end date of the period abroad must be communicated when accepting the grant and motivated via email to campusrimini.didatticasv@unibo.it and to the UNIBO thesis supervisor at least 20 days before the presumed departure date.

8. INSURANCE COVERAGE

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The publication of the ranking list guarantees the insurance coverage to successful and eligible candidates during their journey and permanence abroad as long as they remain regularly enrolled. Such insurance does NOT replace any additional insurances needed to stay in the host country. Particularly, in case of non-EU countries it is advisable to activate an additional health insurance of the “travel” kind (expenses borne by students).

9. ADMINISTRATIVE NECESSARY STEPS

Successful and eligible candidates may get the recognition of the activities carried out abroad in their career. To this purpose, when applying, candidates will need to indicate the learning activity that they'll wish to be recognized.

Successful and eligible candidates will have to comply with the Guide “[Guida per gli studenti vincitori e idonei](#)” to follow the necessary administrative steps on AlmaRM (<https://almarm.unibo.it>), which are needed to get recognition.

The Guide and the instructions to fill out the Learning Agreement will be sent via email to students' UNIBO address.

Via AlmaRM students will also be able to ask to postpone their return date. If such request is authorized, the insurance coverage will be extended but the grant will remain unchanged.

10. AFTER THE TIME ABROAD

Within 30 days after the end of the mobility successful and eligible students will have to upload on AlmaRM, in a single pdf document:

- A declaration by their UNIBO thesis supervisor, on their Department's letterhead, attesting the student actually carried out their activities abroad, including start and end date
- A declaration, also on letterhead, by the Head of the host institution, attesting the student actually carried out his/her activities abroad
- A brief report on the work done abroad, signed by the student and his/her UNIBO thesis supervisor.

11. GIVING UP THE GRANT

Successful candidates wishing to give up their grant must inform the Ufficio Scienze Qualità della Vita by writing an email from their UNIBO address to campusrimini.didatticasqv@unibo.it.

Grant winners who do not carry out their period abroad must give back all the received amount.

12. CONCLUSIONS

For any communication or clarification students can contact the Ufficio Scienze Qualità della Vita at campusrimini.didatticasqv@unibo.it or 0541434112 – Arianna Luccarelli.