



CALL FOR CO-FINANCING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PERIODS IN THE DOCTORAL COURSE IN FUSION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING 2025/2026

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

15.12.2025 ORE 23.59

In this call, the masculine gender used to indicate the interested subjects is intended to refer to all genders, for simplicity.

1 - Purpose

With this call, the Doctoral Course in Fusion Science and Engineering (FSE) intends to promote mobility projects aimed at achieving periods abroad of six months, thus favoring the internationalization and continuous improvement of the Doctoral Course, and offering greater opportunities to doctoral students who intend to undertake an extended, albeit not continuous, period of mobility abroad.

Such mobility projects must be characterized by: high quality of the proposed mobility plan and strong impact on the doctoral student's research project (ability to propose and develop original ideas consistent with the research topic and to achieve quantifiable results - publications, numerical models or equipment), overall duration of at least six months, detailed and feasible mobility plan both in terms of timing and financing.

2 – Recipients

The call is open to students of the FSE Doctoral Course of the three active cycles (39th, 40th and 41st); doctoral students of the 39th cycle must document that they have already spent two months abroad at the deadline of the call and that the further mobility for which they are requesting funding is an extension, in terms of project, of the one already carried out.

Participation is not allowed for doctoral students whose scholarship has been co-financed by the MUR or with PNRR resources..

3 – Object

The call provides for the co-financing of up to four projects for mobility abroad that allows reaching a total of at least six months. The projects must be completed no later than December 2027, or in any case before the end of the doctoral course. Each assignment provides a total amount up to a maximum of Euro 5,100.00. The projects to be awarded will be identified through a comparative selection, carried out by a committee designated by the faculty board.

4 – Content of the projects

Projects must contain:

- The objectives, expressed in terms of expected outcomes, whose coherence with the doctoral project must be well justified and argued;
- A detailed mobility plan (workplan) distributed evenly over time, including the expected results for one's doctoral project;
- A financial plan that demonstrates the economic feasibility of the project and clearly explains the other sources of funding, internal or external, in order to ensure the achievement of the objective of six months of mobility abroad.

In the project, it will be mandatory to indicate the contact persons at the hosting institutes; contact email, statements of intent, letters of invitation are an optional additional title that will be looked upon favorably by the Commission.

5 - Use of allocated resources

The resources allocated to each co-financed mobility plan will be available from 1.1.2026 to 31.12.2027, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 8.

The following expenditure items are eligible for funding:

- a) Travel and transfer expenses, accommodation expenses;
- b) Expenses for participation in events/events;

The following expenditure items are excluded from funding:

- c) expenses for travel made by private means

6 - Procedures and timelines for submitting requests

Projects must be submitted by 23.59 on December 15, 2025 by completing the appropriate form signed by the doctoral student, the supervisor and the co-supervisor(s). Requests received after the deadline or lacking the required declarations will not be considered.

Applications and accompanying documentation must be sent by email to the secretary of the FSE doctoral program maurizio.minicuci@unipd.it , with a copy to the coordinator emanuele.sartori@unipd.it ; correct receipt of the application will be attested by a message specifically prepared by the doctoral program secretariat.

7 - Criterias

For the identification of the projects to be awarded funding, the doctoral course will use a Commission composed of:

- coordinator of the doctoral course;
- vice-coordinator of the doctoral course;
- representative of the doctoral students of the course (not eligible for the award);
- administrative representative of the doctoral course.

Based on the information provided, the Commission will evaluate the project proposal based on the following criteria:

- ✓ consistency of the objectives and destinations of the mobility with the doctoral project;
- ✓ feasibility of the proposed actions; quality and detail of the project presented;
- ✓ the possibility of offering the same opportunities to doctoral students whose research topic, by its nature, hardly attracts additional funds is a premium factor.

At least one project will be mandatorily awarded to a female doctoral student.

Following the unquestionable evaluation by the Commission, the ranking with the allocation of the funds granted will be approved and published, which will take place by 31.12.2025.

8 Reporting of project activities

Since the University funding, lasting two years, requires an interim reporting at the end of the first year, the possibility of using the funds for the second year is conditional on the achievement of the objectives declared in the project phase at the end of the first academic year.

At the end of the first and second years, a brief report illustrating the activities initiated and the related results obtained must be sent, including a summary of the expenses incurred, in order to evaluate the consistency of the objectives achieved with the plan originally presented. In the first year report, if necessary, it will be possible to update the plan originally presented.



For information, please contact the secretary of the FSE doctoral program or the coordinator and vice-coordinator:

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Il Coordinatore del Dottorato
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Annex 1

**CALL FOR CO-FINANCING OF MOBILITY UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR FSE DOCTORAL
STUDENTS**
Application template

PhD student	
Supervisor and co-supervisor	
Title of the PhD project	
Title of the mobility project for a total of six months abroad	

Project	
Project Description (max. 1000 words)	
Specific objectives and relevance to the PhD project (max. 1000 words)	
Mobility Plan (clearly indicate the objectives for the first and second academic years)	
Financial Plan: expected costs and coverage (clearly indicate the objectives for the first and second academic years)	

Attachments...

Place and Date _____

Signatures _____