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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

TNE UNITAFRICA PROJECT (TNE-0050 CUP D81I24000280007)

Incoming mobility of PhD candidates and teaching staff

Art. 1 – The UNITAFRICA Project

The TNE UNITAFRICA project, coordinated by the University of Brescia in collaboration with 20 other Italian universities under the Coordination of Italian Universities for Development Cooperation (CUCS), is a strategic initiative aimed at promoting joint education, research, and international academic cooperation with 78 partner institutions in Africa.

The project is funded by NextGenerationEU through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).

Art. 2 – Purpose of the Call

The University of Brescia offers the following under this call:

- Three (3) two-month mobility grants at the University of Brescia (UNIBS) for PhD candidates from African universities that have a cooperation agreement (MoU) with UNIBS (see Art. 4);
- Three (3) seven-day mobility grants at the University of Brescia for faculty members from African universities that have a cooperation agreement (MoU) with UNIBS (see Art. 4).

The goal is to strengthen research activities for PhD candidates and teaching experiences for academic staff. An equitable distribution across the academic disciplines listed in Art. 3 will be ensured.

Art. 3 – Scientific Fields

Priority is given to the following fields, based on current agreements between UNIBS and the partner universities:

- Agriculture and Animal Sciences
- Architectural Technology
- Engineering (priority to: environmental, civil, information, electrical, mechanical, and industrial)
- Global Health

Art. 4 – Eligible Partner Universities

Applicants must be enrolled in or affiliated with one of the following partner universities with an active MoU with the University of Brescia:

- Université Amadou Mahtar Mbow (UAM), Senegal
- Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD), Senegal
- Université Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba (UCAB), Senegal
- Université Gaston Berger (UGB), Senegal
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana
- Moi University, Kenya
- Ruaha Catholic University (RUCU), Tanzania
- Somali National University (SNU), Somalia



- Save University (UNISAVE), Mozambique
- University for Development Studies, Tamale (Ghana)

SECTION A – PhD CANDIDATE MOBILITY

Art. A.1 – Admission Requirements

Eligible applicants are PhD candidates enrolled at one of the partner African universities. The research area should preferably fall within those listed in Art. 3.

A minimum English proficiency of B2 level is required.

Art. A.2 – Required Documents and Deadline

Applications must be submitted via the online form. The submission receipt must be sent to the university's PEC address: ammcentr@cert.unibs.it, along with the following mandatory attachments:

1. Passport copy (personal data page)
2. Candidate's CV
3. Complete list of publications (do not attach the articles)
4. Research plan signed by the PhD supervisor at the home university and by a tutor at UNIBS
5. Support letter from the PhD supervisor at the partner university
6. Invitation letter from the tutor at the University of Brescia

Deadline: August 29, 2025, at 11:59 PM (CET)

Application form available [at this link](#).

Incomplete or late applications will be rejected.

Art. A.3 – Selection Procedure

Applications will be evaluated by a committee based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance and coherence of the research and mobility project with the scientific fields of the call
2. Quality of the research project
3. Candidate's CV
4. Relevant experience and publications

Committee Members:

- Prof. Sabrina Sorlini
- Prof. Alberto Matteelli
- Prof. Stefano Rinaldi

Alternate Members:

- Prof. Alberto Arenghi
- Prof. Gianni Gilioli
- Prof. Angelo Mazzù

Faculty from partner universities may also contribute to the evaluation process.

Art. A.4 – Ranking List

The final ranking will be published within 30 days from the application deadline on the university's website.



Art. A.5 – Financial Support

Selected candidates will receive:

- A monthly grant of €1,200 (covering personal expenses, meals, and accommodation)
- A travel contribution up to €1,500

This funding is not compatible with other European funds, including those from the PNRR.
Details regarding payment will be communicated to the grantees.

Art. A.6 – Mobility Period

The mobility must be completed by March 31, 2026, with a minimum stay of 60 calendar days.

Art. A.7 – Additional Information

The grantee must remain enrolled at their home university for the entire duration of the mobility.

Applicants must independently apply for a visa and health insurance. UNIBS will provide support in finding accommodation.

SECTION B – ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY

Art. B.1 – Admission Requirements

Open to faculty members and researchers (including assistant, associate, and full professors) affiliated with partner African universities and active in one of the fields listed in Art. 3.

Minimum English level: B2

Art. B.2 – Required Documents and Deadline

Applications must be submitted via the online form and must include:

1. Passport copy (personal data page)
2. CV
3. Complete list of publications
4. Teaching plan (minimum 6 hours/week), aligned with the scientific field
5. Invitation letter from a UNIBS faculty member

Deadline: August 29, 2025, at 11:59 PM (CET)

Online application form available [at this link](#)

Art. B.3 – Selection Procedure

Selection will be based on:

- Thematic relevance and alignment with the scientific areas listed in the call
- Quality of the CV and publications
- Quality of the teaching proposal (coherence, target audience, content)

Art. B.4 – Ranking List

The final ranking will be published within 30 working days from the application deadline.



Art. B.5 – Financial Support

Selected candidates will receive:

- A daily lump sum of €200 (gross) for up to 7 days (covering personal expenses, meals, and accommodation)
- A travel contribution up to €1,500, or alternatively, a reimbursement of incurred expenses up to €2,900 including travel

Art. B.6 – Mobility Period

The mobility must be completed by March 31, 2026.

Art. B.7 – Additional Information

The grantee must independently apply for a visa and health insurance. UNIBS may offer support in finding accommodation.

Art. 5 – Administrative Officer

According to Italian Law No. 241/1990, the officer responsible for this procedure is Dr. Aiko Terao, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Brescia. All submitted documents will be retained by the International Mobility Office.

Art. 6 – Data Protection

Personal data collected for this selection will be processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR). The University of Brescia is the data controller under Article 26 of the GDPR. CINECA is appointed as data processor under Article 28.

For details, see the University privacy policy: <https://www.unibs.it/privacy>

Art. 7 – Final Provisions

Applications are managed in accordance with Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 (Data Protection Code). In accordance with DPR 445/2000, the university reserves the right to verify the authenticity of declarations.

For any issues not explicitly covered by this call, applicable laws and regulations regarding public competitions and university grants will apply.

Brescia, Date of Protocol

La Prorettrice Vicaria

Prof.ssa Adriana Apostoli

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