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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: TRAVEL GRANT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD

The **PhD Program in Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering**, aiming to promote international mobility among students and foster the development of new scientific collaborations, announces a call for applications for research scholarships to support PhD students who will conduct a research **period abroad at universities, institutions, or research centers** during the year **2025**.

1. Eligibility

The scholarships are open to students enrolled in the PhD Program in Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering who intend to undertake a research period abroad at universities, institutions, or research centers located outside Italy. The research period must have a **minimum duration of 90 days**, with a start date **between January 1st and December 31st, 2025**.

2. Scholarship Amount

The scholarship amount (G) is determined by the Doctoral Board, based on a proposal by a designated evaluation committee, and calculated according to the following formula:

$$G = 1.5 \cdot N \cdot k \cdot p$$

where:

- N : Number of days spent abroad;
- k : Coefficient related to the destination country (see attached table);
- p : Evaluation of the research project (on a 10-point scale);

The maximum scholarship amount is **2,700 €**.

3. Payment Terms

Scholarships will be awarded in descending ranking of the G coefficient as calculated under Article 2. Funds will be allocated until the ranking is exhausted or the total available funds, amounting to **14,721 €**, are fully disbursed. The scholarship will be disbursed in two parts:

1. **50%** at the start of the research period, which must begin by **December 31st, 2025**;
2. **50%** upon completion of the first 90 days of the research period.

The ranking list will be published by **February 2025** on the following webpage:

<https://www.dicea.unipd.it/dottorato/news>

5. Application Procedure

Applicants must upload the following documents to the platform

<https://forms.gle/zGsyMcLtuetuYafu7>

by **January 31st, 2025**:

1. **Detailed research proposal** (in English) including:
 - State of the art (max 4,000 characters);
 - Objectives of the research project (max 8,000 characters);
 - Proposed timeline (max 4,000 characters).
2. **Declaration of absence of additional funding**, except for any allowances provided by university regulations.
3. **Letter of acceptance from the host institution** or a declaration from the host supervisor.
4. **Declaration from the supervisor of the Doctoral School**, certifying the validity and relevance of the application.

Note: Incomplete applications or those missing any of the required documents will be excluded.

6. Conditions and Revocation

- If the duration of the research period abroad is shorter than declared, the following rules apply:
 1. **Unjustified reduction:** The scholarship will be revoked, and any disbursed amounts must be reimbursed.
 2. **Justified reduction:** The scholarship will be proportionally reduced, provided the period is no less than 90 days.
 3. For research periods shorter than 90 days, the Academic Board reserves the right to revoke the scholarship and request reimbursement.
 - Research periods already funded by third parties (e.g., Gini Foundation) are not covered by this call.
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7. Final Decisions

The decisions of the Doctoral School Council are **final and cannot be appealed**.

Padua, December 19th, 2024

The PhD Course Coordinator

Prof. Massimiliano Ferronato

Attachment

1. Table with k coefficients related to destination countries.

USA e Canada	1.00
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Norway, Faroe Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom	0.86
Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Netherlands, Malta, Portugal, Andorra, Principality of Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State	0.76
Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia and other European countries not included in the previous groups	0.67
Central and South America	0.69
Africa	0.74
Asia	0.76
Oceania	0.71