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**DEPARTMENT OF LAW "SALVATORE PUGLIATTI"
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**

**CALL FOR VISITING PROFESSORS 2025-2026
PROJECT "DIPARTIMENTO DI ECCELLENZA" - DI.SEA.GUAL**

INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT

Internationalisation value and Project "Dipartimento di eccellenza" - DI.SEA.GUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- UniME, recognizing the importance of the presence of foreign scholars in the University in the context of its institutional activities aimed at promoting the internationalization process, intends to ensure uniformity of procedures and certainty of the legal positions to be attributed to these figures, as well as to ensure maximum institutional visibility.- The Visiting Professor (hereinafter "VP") is a scholar or expert with a high scientific qualification who carries out educational activities (lectures, seminars, conferences, etc.) as part of a course of study at UniME.- With n. 1155 of 04.05.2020 Rector's Decree (R.D.), the Regulations on Visiting Professors and Researcher were issued.- With the note of 28 December 2022, the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) approved the list of Departments of Excellence of Italian State Universities, referred to in Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, for the five-year period 2023/2027, among which the Department of Law "Salvatore Pugliatti" of the University of Messina has been selected with the allocation of a total fund of Euro 7.222.970 for the financing of the DI.SEA.GUAL Project (Developing an International Strategy in the Euromediterranean Area on the Goods for an Updated Anthropic Loop).- The Department of Law has launched the selection procedure to support incoming mobility of professors or experts belonging to non-Italian Universities, Research Centers or Higher Education Institutions to carry out teaching activities as Visiting Professors within the framework of the UniME academic programs as scheduled at the Department of Law (DI SEA GUAL Project) during the academic year 2025/2026.
Purpose of the Call	<p>A selection procedure is hereby launched for the funding of 7 (seven) mobility programs for experts and scholars of high scientific standing affiliated with foreign universities, research institutes, or higher education institutions who, in the academic year 2025/2026, will carry out teaching activities as Visiting Professors within the structured educational offerings of the Department of Law "Salvatore Pugliatti" of the University of Messina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 Disea-Chair: Chair on developing an international strategy in the Euro-Mediterranean area, by promoting a European territorial cooperation strategy at transnational level in the Mediterranean area;- 6 Gual-Chair: Chair on goods for an updated anthropic loop, involving the development of complex legal models addressing emerging legal goods, aimed



	<p>at fostering eco-sustainable territorial development in the Mediterranean area. These include: 2 chairs on environmental goods, 2 chairs on cultural goods; 1 chair on digital goods, and 1 chair on bio-economic goods.</p>
Definitions, Eligible Applicants, and General Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The "Proposing Department Member" refers to a Professor or Researcher at UniME Department of Law "Salvatore Pugliatti" who applies to invite a foreign Visiting Professor to carry out teaching activities within the framework of the "DI.SEA.GUAL" project. Each Proposing Department Member may submit only one application under this Call.2. The "Visiting Professor" (VP) refers to a scholar or expert of high scientific standing, affiliated with foreign universities, research institutes, or higher education institutions, who is invited to conduct teaching activities (lectures, seminars, conferences, etc.) within the Chairs of the "DI.SEA.GUAL" project.3. The "Host Department" refers to the UniME Department of Law where the VP will carry out activities.4. Appointments as Visiting Professors cannot be granted to retired Department members or scholars. Therefore, applications from individuals who are retired at the time of submission will be deemed ineligible. Additionally, appointments will not be granted to individuals who are scheduled to retire during their visit at UniME.5. Individuals who, during the same period, are already recipients of a Visiting Professor appointment at other universities are not eligible for funding under this Call.
Type and Duration of the Visit	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Under this Call, the VP's activities shall consist of teaching a monothematic course, agreed upon with the Proposing Department Member, for a minimum of 6 ETCS (in line with the objectives of the 'DI.SEA.GUAL' Project and the educational offer of the UniME Department of Law). The teaching must be carried out over a 60-day period of which 30 days must be continuous. It must be noted that the duration of the visit period (the stay) refers to the actual teaching period and does not include travel days.2. Visits must take place between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, on a continuous basis (except for academic breaks) and must align with periods in the academic calendar during which teaching activities are scheduled.3. The VP shall be subject to the rights and obligations set forth in Article 5 of the <i>Regulation on Teaching and Research Activities of Visiting Professors and Researchers</i>.4. During the stay at UniME, the VP shall be covered by accident and civil liability insurance (R.C.T.) as provided under the University's insurance policies. Upon arrival, the VP must possess valid health insurance coverage applicable in Italy for the entire duration of the stay.
Economic compensation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The economic compensation for the didactic activity is as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- € 5.000,00, gross of applicable taxes and social security contributions.- € 2.000.00 as a reimbursement of expenses (covering airfare, public transportation, meals, and accommodation).2. Financial support is subject to the applicable tax, social security, and welfare regulations in force at the time of disbursement.



**Payment of Economic
compensation**

1. The economic compensation will be transferred to the bank account indicated by the Visiting Professor (VP), in a lump sum, upon completion of the activities and following the transmission by the Department of Law of the activity register and final report to the International Cooperation Unit (Research and Internationalization Department), the Human Resources Department, and the Financial Resources Department.
2. In any case, the payment will take place at the end of the month following the stay via bank transfer to the VP's designated account. No advance payments will be granted.
3. The expense reimbursement for travel, board, and lodging must be duly documented, in accordance with Articles 7–9 of the UniME Regulations on Missions for Teaching and Technical-Administrative Staff (last amended by Rector's Decree No. 1395 of 27 May 2014). As of January 1, 2025, to be eligible for reimbursement, all such expenses must be paid by bank transfer, postal transfer, or other traceable payment methods.
4. Regarding social security contributions, the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 26 and following, of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended, shall apply. If the VP is not already registered with any Italian Social Security Fund, they are required to register with the INPS Separate Management scheme (Gestione Separata INPS) immediately after signing the contract.
5. The above-mentioned compensation is not subject to Added Value Tax (VAT/I.V.A.) pursuant to Articles 1, 3, 4, and 5 of Presidential Decree No. 633/72, as amended.
6. If requested by the Visiting Professor (VP), the provisions of the International Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation between Italy and the VP's country of residence may apply, provided that the "Form D", accompanied by a certificate of fiscal residence issued by the competent foreign tax authority, is submitted in a timely manner and in compliance with current legislation.
7. The certification must be valid for the relevant tax period, starting from the date of issue as indicated on the form. In the absence of such certification, the compensation will be subject to Italian taxation.