International Mobility Program for Young Researchers from India and Nepal

In order to strengthen the relationship and cooperation with India and Nepal, and taking into account the successful research activities already in place with the above mentioned countries in the framework of some specific scientific areas, the University of Padova announces a new initiative aimed at promoting international research mobility and cross-border research collaboration with advanced research groups coming from India and Nepal.

The program offers **4 grants** to young post-doc candidates from India and Nepal wishing to spend a period of 12 months at University of Padova for study and research activities in <u>all</u> the scientific areas related to its Departments (full list at http://www.unipd.it/en/research/departments).

Requirements for the applicants

1.1.   To be a citizen of India or Nepal and currently resident there.
1.2.   To hold a PhD degree obtained within the last five years at the expiring date of the present call.
1.3.   To be preferably working at a University located in one of the above-mentioned eligible Countries or an equivalent higher education institution.
1.4.   To be under 38 years old.
1.5.   To have published at least five peer review/articles/papers in international journals.

Composition of the Grant

Each accepted candidate will be awarded a scholarship of Euros 21.198,00, including living allowance, travel and subsistence costs, gross of any tax charged to the grant holder.

Submission of Applications

In order to apply to the program, candidates are required to fill in the <u>Application Form</u> available at *www.unipd.it/en* > *Research*> *International Mobility*, and to send it within **17th June 2013** (the postmark serves as proof) <u>both</u> by e-mail and regular mail at the following addresses:
E-mail: relazioni.internazionali@unipd.it

Postal Address:
Servizio Relazioni Internazionali
Università degli Studi di Padova
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35122 Padova-Italy

The Application must include the following documents:

1.   CV;
2.   Presentation Letter from the PhD supervisor describing the experience developed during the thesis preparation;
3.   An abstract copy of the PhD thesis;
4.   A proposal of research activity to be developed during the stay in Padova: the proposed program should be agreed in advance with the research group of the Department where the activity will be developed;
5.   An acceptance letter from the activity responsible of the Department involved in the research program in Padova.

Information should be submitted in English. All documents are mandatory: incomplete applications will not be eligible.

Selection Procedure

The selection of candidates will be undertaken by a Committee appointed by the Rector of the University of Padova. The results of selection will be published on the web page *www.unipd.it/en* > *Research> International Mobility* within **June 28th 2013**. Successful candidates currently employed by a University are responsible for ensuring that their home institution will grant them leave of absence to undertake the proposed research period abroad.

The final selection will be made according to the following criteria:
- Academic skills of the applicant.
- Experience as researcher.
- Curriculum Vitae assessment.
- Evaluation of scientific research program.
- Coherence between the program proposed by the applicant and the research areas of the hosting Departments.
- Interest of the hosting Department towards the research activity proposed;

Obligations of the Grant Holder

Accepted Candidates will be required to:

- Comply with the legal requirements (in terms of insurance, visa, etc.) of the University of Padova.

- Include a mention of the University of Padova whenever results of the research program are published.

- Send to the International Relations Office a letter/email of acceptance of the scholarship according to the conditions offered by the University of Padova.

- Produce a final report on the research activity carried out at the end of their period of stay.