

INTER-ASIA fellowship Call for applications

ACADEMIC YEAR

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INTER-ASIA _ Potenziamento della dimensione internazionale dell'Università del Salento attraverso attività di mobilità dalla regione asiatica emergente

The **INTER-ASIA Project_Potenziamento della dimensione internazionale dell'Università del Salento attraverso attività di mobilità dalla regione asiatica emergente** approved by the Apulia Region with the executive decision no. 9 of 18 January 2017 (published on B.U.R.P. nr. 12, 26.01.2017) and funded by the PAC Apulia 2007-2013 (Action Plan for Cohesion) approved by Commission Decision C (2016) 1417 of 3.03.2016. Public notice no. 8/2016 "Transnationality Actions of the Apulian Universities" - DGR no. 1942 of 30/11/2016, published on B.U.R.P. nr. 140, 7.12.2016 (CUP F82117000000008).

Within the framework of the INTER-ASIA project, the University of Salento (Lecce - Italy) is glad to offer 7 mobility scholarships to students enrolled at one of the partner Universities listed below who wish to experience a study or internship period abroad. Applications are aimed at financing individual mobilities between Italy and Kazakhstan, China, Pakistan and Iran (mobilities between Asian partner Universities are not eligible) – selection of applicants will be conducted on the basis of their qualifications (in absence of language certificates, candidates will be required to pass an oral interview aimed at ascertaining the applicant's knowledge of English).

TABLE 1

Partner University	Country
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), Almaty	Kazakhstan
Jinan University (JNU), Guangzhou	China
Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University, Sari	Iran
National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad	Pakistan
University of Teheran	Iran

Art. 1 Scholarship durations



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Students from Asian partner Universities are offered the opportunity to gain invaluable study and research experiences in a challenging environment and to put into practice the knowledge acquired during their studies. The INTER-ASIA project offers 7 scholarships to **students enrolled at one of the listed Asian partner Universities:**

Available scholarships	Duration
7	4 months

Other resources resulting from unused scholarships, or scholarships partially-used, can be employed to provide additional scholarships, to be assigned according to the rank order of eligible students.

Art. 2 Amount of the scholarships

INTER-ASIA support for individual mobilities represents a contribution aimed at covering the travel expenses and subsistence costs for students. Insurance costs and other participation costs are to be covered directly by the students through their own financial resources.

Art. 2.1 Incoming students scholarships amount

The scholarship will be paid for a period of 4 months with the following gross value:

Monthly contribution for course attendance	Monthly contribution for stay	Total amount gross value
€ 280,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.480,00

The scholarship will be granted by bank transfer through monthly instalments indicated in the table. Scholarship beneficiaries will be requested to have or to open a bank account for the payment.

Selected students will be allowed to attend courses and take exams or to undertake internship activities. At the end of the mobility period, students' attendance will be certified in a Transcript of Records which will include the list of exams (if taken) results and credits awarded (ECTS) as well as any research activity performed.

During the period of mobility it will be necessary to fill a registry of activities that must be validated by an internal referent.

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Art. 3 Travel expenses

The INTER-ASIA Project recognizes for incoming students a maximum amount of €. 592,00 as reimbursement for travel expenses. All travel expenses must be demonstrated by payment documentations, invoice, boarding passes etc. For the recognition of the expenses, the boarding cards of aircrafts and tickets of trains must be produced for each leg of the round trip. In case of a boarding card or ticket for only the inward or outward leg of the journey being produced, the reimbursement for travel will be reduced by half.

Art. 4 Insurance and visa expenses

Exchange students must obtain at their own expense full insurance coverage (health, accident) with a validity for the entire duration of the individual mobility activities.

Mobile students have to cover visa related costs with their own funds.

In order to accelerate and facilitate the procedure for obtaining the visa, selected students are strongly advised to contact the Italian Consulates or Embassies in the concerned Asian Countries as soon as they receive the official confirmation of being selected.

Art. 5 Conditions of participation

Students wishing to participate in the fellowship programme at the University of Salento must:

1. Be regularly enrolled (either for a Bachelor's or Master's degree program) at one of the partner higher education institutions table 1 for incoming scholarships and University of Salento for outgoing scholarships;
2. Have a sufficient knowledge of English language (at least B1 with reference to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or equivalent) certified or ascertained by an interview.

Art. 6 Scientific Areas and traineeship calendar

Participation in the INTER-ASIA fellowship project is open to applicants enrolled in a Degree Course (either at Bachelor or Masters level) in one of the following scientific areas:

1. Biology
2. Biotechnology
3. Environmental Sciences
4. Agricultural and Food Sciences
5. Management Engineering or Business Management
6. Physics

7. Mathematics

8. Cultural Heritage

The Scholarship must be used by September 30, 2018

Art. 7 Applications - documents to be uploaded

Applications are to be submitted electronically by creating an online application account at the following webportal (section "Apply now"):

<https://www.unisalento.it/web/guest/modulionline/-/modulo/view/Inter-Asia-Project-Application-Form>

Only applications including all the required documents according to the level and type of mobility will be considered for a scholarship. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

The deadline for submitting electronic applications is: **16 February 2018** (h. 23.59 CET).

The application package must be complete of the following material:

1. Application form (in English) duly filled;
2. One recommendation letter from a member of the academic staff working at the home institution;
3. The applicant's CV in English.
4. A research program proposal only for traineeship and/or a preliminary list of courses (exams) to be attended at the premises of the University of Salento.
5. Copy of your passport or other I.D.
6. Language certificates if available

Art. 8 Selection

The evaluation of the applications submitted will be carried out by a scientific panel that will be appointed by the Director of Centro Unico di Ateneo per la Gestione dei Progetti e il Fund Raising and composed of internal members and external members from Partner Universities.

The selections and the evaluations will be carried out by the scientific panel also via conference calls.

Art. 9 Award of Scholarships

Scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of a comparative evaluation of the applications submitted, of the requirements met, and of the criteria relating to the merit and/or the excellence of the applicant's curriculum vitae, according to a specific evaluation chart.



Art. 10 Publication of the merit ranking

At the end of the selection procedure, the University shall publish the merit ranking of the candidates to whom scholarships have been granted, according to the procedures shown on the website of University www.unisalento.it. The ranking list of eligible students can be employed for further assignments until the ending of the project.

Selected candidates will receive by e-mail a nomination letter providing the details of the scholarship they have been awarded and general information concerning their mobility, including their rights and obligations as INTER-ASIA grantees. Together with the nomination letter, selected candidates will receive the link to an online acceptance letter. By confirming online that they accept their nomination for a scholarship, the selected candidates also confirm their acceptance of the scholarship guidelines and pledge to take all the necessary measures to start and complete the mobility successfully and in accordance with all the stipulated administrative and academic requirements.

Before the start of the mobility period, selected students have to produce a Learning Agreement (LA) or a Mobility Activity Plan (MAP) that must be agreed with the academic coordinator at host university.

Art. 11 Renunciation of Scholarship and/or Interruption of Traineeship

If the scholarship beneficiary decides to interrupt the traineeship or renounce the scholarship immediately after assignment, he/she is requested to inform the relevant home institution and the University of Salento and return to the University of Salento the amount of scholarship granted by the University of Salento and not used due to renunciation or interruption. Failure to comply with such conditions may lead to legal action.

Art. 12 Release / suspension scholarship

In the event of irregularities and discontinuous participation in the didactic activities and / or research planned, a Committee set up by the Project Referent, the concerned Department and Agreement Referents, after having acquired the opinion of the Centro Unico di Ateneo per la Gestione dei Progetti e il Fund Raising may decide upon the suspension of the scholarship.

Art. 13 – People in charge of application procedure

The person in charge of the application procedure is Alessandro Quarta, coordinator of Centro Unico di Ateneo per la Gestione dei Progetti di Ricerca e il Fund Raising .

Art.14 Treatment of personal data and confidentiality of data





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In accordance with D.L. 196/2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) it is recognized that the processing of personal data of applicants, carried out only for institutional purposes, will be based on principles of fairness, legality and transparency in order to protect confidentiality. The candidate applicant agrees that the Centro Unico di Ateneo per la Gestione dei Progetti di Ricerca e il Fund Raising publish the selection list on its website to the respective official list.

Lecce,  1 FEB. 2018

The Director of Centro Unico di Ateneo per la
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