

Globalization Program – 1st semester 2021-2022

**Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships
Call for Applications**

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Scholarships, international mobility, research internships **within the Globalization Program** of Venice International University (VIU)

- students enrolled in any Master's degree (including *Laurea Magistrale*) at one of VIU member universities who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis in themes related to the Globalization Program
- advanced undergraduate students who are studying for a 4-year bachelor degree, who intend undertaking a final research thesis/project for credit

The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the 20 member Universities, which are part of the VIU *consortium*, in a truly multicultural, international and interdisciplinary environment.

The program is open to bachelor and master's students from the member universities. Each semester around 150 students come to Venice to take part in VIU's Globalization Program. The courses are English-taught by professors from the member universities and are recognized for credit. Attendance is compulsory in all courses.

The program provides a powerful learning experience in which students develop their capacity for critical thinking and creative problem solving. Students of the Globalization Program are thus better prepared for graduate and professional study and for careers in new and emerging fields.

For information on the program, the courses, how to register check VIU website at: <https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/admissions>

Courses available within the Globalization Program

A set of core courses is available every semester, focusing on three themes:

A. ITALY - courses that critically analyze Venetian and Italian life, culture, art and history.

1. History of Venice
2. Italian Contemporary History in Films
3. Art and Architecture in Renaissance Venice

B. CULTURES OF THE WORLD - courses that examine the cultures of the world; courses that make the most of the intercultural classroom.

4. Intercultural Communication
5. Gender Studies

6. Comparing East and West

C. GLOBAL CHALLENGES - courses that address current, global issues, preferably from an interdisciplinary perspective.

7. Identity, Heritage and Globalization

8. Globalization, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights

9. Global Governance for Peace and Security, Cooperation and Development

There are six specialization tracks with three available in alternate semesters.



SPECIALIZATION TRACKS 1st semester

3-6 courses will be available in each track and will vary each semester.

D1. Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to Cultural Heritage

The aim of this specialization track is to introduce students to concepts such as Natural and Cultural Heritage, both tangible and intangible; to the challenges posed by their management, preservation and development, in relation to development policies and/or citizenship issues. 3-5 courses are typically offered in this track.

D2. Science and Society (NEW in 2021)

The aim is to explore critically the role and impact of science, technology and innovation within society, and conversely how society, politics and culture affect scientific research and innovation. Courses may examine Science as a profession and the role of scientists as stakeholders within society, or may scrutinize the ethics of science, and explore the many relevant societal issues including science and education, science communication and civic engagement; the economics, sociology and anthropology of science; representation of science in literature and the arts; citizen science and open science; responsible research and innovation.

D3. History and Memory (NEW in 2021)

This specialization track is intended to offer opportunities to develop an up-to-date understanding of history, historical research and consciousness, Collective and individual memory and forgetting, with their ethical and political implications, in their micro and macro dimensions.

SPECIALIZATION TRACKS 2nd Semester

3-6 courses will be available in each track and will vary each semester.

D4. Environmental Management and Sustainable Development

The aim of this specialization track is to develop awareness of Sustainability concepts and issues, applied to the Environment and the Economy, learning about sustainable practices and management, adopting ethical and cultural approaches. Courses may provide tools of analysis of Environmental changes and of impact valuation (including digital tools), knowledge about policies, law and governance; climate change; sustainable energy; food and water security; corporate social responsibility and industrial ecology; the role of lead firms in fostering environmental innovation; justice and development.

D5. Cities and Global Change (NEW in 2021)

This specialization track focuses on the cities as places where human activities are concentrated, as the chief causes of, and solutions to, anthropogenic global change, providing students with a critical view on the nature of cities and social, economic, political, cultural global change, their interrelation, the way in which cities address problems and opportunities emerging from such change (climate change, transport and mobility, democracy and participation, education, multiculturalism, migration and population trends, tourism, land use, urban poverty) and the tools available for governance of change.



D6. Environmental Humanities (NEW in 2021)

This track aims to capture existing conjunctions across environmental philosophy, environmental history, ecocriticism, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, and political ecology, while also seeking to integrate debates thus far largely shaped by different disciplinary contexts. Environmental Humanities can help to organize humanistic research, to open up new forms of interdisciplinarity, both within the humanities and in collaboration with the social and natural sciences, and to shape public debate and policies on environmental issues.

The full list of courses offered in the 1st semester 2021-2022 is available at:
<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/courses/fall-2021>

Who can apply for Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships within the framework of the Globalization Program:



- students enrolled in any Master's degree (including *Laurea Magistrale*) at one of VIU member universities who intend pursuing research for their Master's thesis and who are registered or intend to register for at least two courses of the Globalization Program 1st semester 2021-2022 or have completed at least two courses in the previous semester
- advanced undergraduate students who are studying for a 4-year bachelor degree, who intend undertaking a final research thesis/project for credit and who are registered or intend to register for at least two courses of the Globalization Program 1st semester 2021-2022 or have completed at least two courses in the previous semester

Students competing for the Research Internships opportunities must submit a draft research proposal to be pursued during the mobility phase, which should include indication of the selected destination and preferred period.

The theme of the thesis project must be coherent with the themes addressed by the courses in the Globalization Program (core or specialization track courses). The choice of the destination for research must be determined by the possibility of finding relevant resources for the development of the research project. The link between the topic and the destination must be argued where not evident.

Each candidate should have a supervisor to the research activities in his/her home University. It is not mandatory to identify one while submitting application for the Worldwide Mobility program but it will be considered a plus in the selection process. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

Selected candidates will be awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their thesis at one of **VIU's member universities** or affiliated institutions.

Requirements to meet at the end of the semester in order to start the mobility phase:

- 1) Selected candidates must complete a **minimum of two VIU courses** during one of the two semesters before the mobility phase, obtaining a grade of at least 85/100 in the best two.
- 2) They must participate in **at least five** co-curricular activities. Active participation in the VIU Plenary workshop or in the Venice Universities' Model European Union (VeUMEU) will be considered equal to three co-curricular activities.
- 3) They must participate in **group meetings** on a regular basis during the semester before the mobility phase to develop and refine their research project under the supervision of the selection committee.

Note: Students from VIU member universities in Italy interested in spending a period of study/research in one of the **following member universities** - KU Leuven, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Université de Bordeaux, European University at St. Petersburg, Tel Aviv University - must apply through the separate **VIU Erasmus+ Calls for applications** <http://univiu.org/erasmus/calls> Minimum period: 90 days.

A second call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will also be published during the semester. The call is addressed to bachelor and master's students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Iuav, Padova and Tor Vergata who are attending the semester at VIU (at least three courses) and who wish to do an internship in a host organization in Italy following the semester. Students can apply for one call only among Erasmus+, international mobility for Research Internship and Internships in Italy.



Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships: Scholarships

Research internships in the Worldwide Mobility program are from two to four months. Start and end dates of the mobility are fixed in collaboration with the host organization and depending on the research projects that the students will pursue. They are usually completed by the end of the solar year (December 2022 for 1st semester 2021-22 students). Any exception must be justified by academic or research reasons and approved by the selection committee.

Some of the host institutions provide a research mentor and full access to library and electronic resources while some others also offer the chance to take university courses recognized for credits (see table below).



Students selected for the worldwide mobility for research internships will be awarded a scholarship which will contribute to travel and living costs.

Travel distance*	Scholarship
100 – 499 km	€ 700.00
500 – 1999 km	€ 800.00
2000 – 2999 km	€ 900.00
3000 – 3999 km	€ 1,000.00
4000 – 7999 km	€ 1,300. 00
8000 km or more	€ 2,000. 00

* for this purpose, VIU uses the Distance Calculator of the European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en. The distance is calculated from the student's home university to the destination institution.

Some internship positions without scholarship might be available depending on the number of applicants and the quality of the research projects submitted.

Established Worldwide Mobility Destinations

University	Benefits
Boston College - Fine Arts department - Lynch School of Education - Carroll School of Management	mentor+ library resources
Duke University - Duke Global Value Chains Center - Art, Art History and Visual Studies - Nicholas School of the Environment - Sanford School of Public Policy	mentor+ library resources



Tsinghua University - School of the Environment	mentor+ library resources
Waseda University - any graduate school	mentor+ library resources
Ludwig Maximilians Universität - Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society	mentor+library resources+courses
Tel Aviv University	mentor+library resources+courses
University of Ljubljana	depends on research project

A candidate may also request to go to other departments or other VIU member universities (full list of VIU Members available here <http://univiu.org/about-viu/members>) or a host institution outside the VIU network. If the selection committee approves, VIU will work towards establishing new agreements to facilitate the student mobility. In the case of proposed host organizations outside the VIU membership, the active participation of the student candidate and the thesis supervisor will be expected and necessary during the negotiation process. The candidate should consider that a positive outcome is dependent on the compatibility of the project with the goals of the proposed host institution, and their availability to host a research internship. VIU cannot therefore always guarantee a positive outcome.

In any case, the hosting institution must be located in a different country to the home University.

All Research Internships are subject to the approval of the host institution.

Applications and Selection

Candidates will be selected by a committee composed of:

- Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Carlo Giupponi
- Vice Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Luca Pes
- Scientific Coordinator of Intensive Graduate Activities at VIU, Prof. Ilda Mannino

The selection of the candidates and the award of the scholarships will be based on a ranking. The score achieved by each student will be the result of the sum of the following:

1) Research project *(up to 60% of the final score)

- quality of the project
- relevance of the theme addressed in the project to Globalization Program themes
- matching of the research project with the possible destinations

2) Academic record of the candidate (up to 20% of the final score)

- average of the grades obtained in the current degree and graduation grade obtained in previous degree (BA or laurea triennale or equivalent), if any

3) Motivation letter and letter of recommendation (up to 20% of the final score)

* Note on the format of the research project:

The document, in Word format, should be organized in two parts and should include:

Part 1

- aim of the project (description of the content of the research project , including a title and research question)
- bibliographical analysis (description of the situation of the literature on the topic)
- considerations about the way in which you want to contribute to the topic (originality is important)
- tentative index (explain the structure of the thesis)
- name of the possible supervisor of your final thesis in home University

Part 2

- explain the importance of the destination in relation to the topic of the project
- agenda of the research activities to be carried out (knowledge of the resources available and breakdown of research activities week-by-week)
- impact of the mobility on the development of your thesis (describe how the mobility is crucial for your thesis)
- name of Professor/s that may act as tutor to your research activities at hosting institution/University

length: max 5 pages A4

Deadlines and Calendar of Activities

Submission of applications: deadline July 18, 2021

Candidates must:

- Pre-register for the Globalization Program on the VIU website: [Pre-registration](#). (candidates who have already attended courses at VIU can use their existing credentials)
- Fill out Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships application form, available in personal profile once pre-registered.
- Submit a first draft of the research project.
- Submit academic record: transcripts from current degree and degree certificate of bachelor.
- Submit motivation letter (max. one A4 page).
- Submit letter of recommendation (from Professor in candidate's home University).

Group interview with the candidates: July 22, 2021

Each candidate will present their research project (approx. five minutes oral presentation) and receive feedback from the selection committee to allow them to refine the research project proposal for final submission before selection.



Deadline for submitting final draft of research project: August 28, 2021

Selection announcement: September 5, 2021

Academic activities: September 6-December 17, 2021

Mobility: March-May or September–December, 2022

During the mobility students will participate in an online seminar to present and discuss their research projects and group meetings to discuss their mobility experience.



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