

Globalization Program – 2nd semester 2023-2024 Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships

Call for Applications



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International mobility research internships supported by **scholarships** for:

- Students¹ 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
- students enrolled in their third or final year in a 4-year bachelor degree at one of VIU's member universities, who intend undertaking a final research thesis/project for credit in themes related to the Globalization Program

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's¹ students from the member universities. Each semester 100+ 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.

Who can register for the Globalization Program

Students registered in any degree programs at one of VIU's [member universities](#) are eligible to apply for the Globalization Program.

The application procedures differ depending on the student's home university.

Please check VIU website at:

<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/admissions> for further information.

¹ EUSP students of any level are eligible to apply

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 (Fall)

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.

D2. Science and Society

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

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 (Spring)

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

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

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 2nd semester 2023-2024 is available at:
<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/courses/spring-2024>

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

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must have completed the pre-registration and registration for courses steps to ensure that they are enrolled in the VIU Globalization Program:

<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/admissions/registration>

(white box at the right bottom of the page) and must complete a minimum of two courses within the course offering of the semester in which they apply for the mobility.



VIU will also accept applications from students who have already completed at least two courses in the 1st semester 2023-2024 of the Globalization Program. In such instances, the applicants will not be required to take courses during the 2nd semester 2023-2024. Their participation and academic results in the previous semester will be referred to for the evaluation.

After the 2nd semester 2023-2024, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their thesis at one of **VIU's member universities** or affiliated institutions.

Note:

Students from Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata" and Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca interested in spending a period of study/research in one of the **following member universities** - KU Leuven, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Université de Bordeaux, University of Ljubljana, - must apply through the separate **VIU Erasmus+ Calls for applications** (if there is an open call).(<http://univiu.org/erasmus/calls>). Minimum period: 60 days.

A call for applications for **Internships in Italy** will also be published during the semester. The call is addressed to students from any of the member universities, including exchange students at Ca' Foscari, Iuav, Padova, Tor Vergata, and Milano-Bicocca, 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 per semester among Erasmus+, Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships and Internships in Italy.

Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships: Scholarships

Research internships and the worldwide mobility are from two to four months. Start and end dates of the mobility are fixed in collaboration with the host organization and depend on the research projects that the students will pursue. They are usually completed by the end of the solar year (December 2024 for students of 2nd semester 2023-2024). 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 in the section 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 and benefits provided

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 - Art History Department	Mentor + library resources + courses
Tel Aviv University	Mentor + library resources + courses
European University at Saint Petersburg	Mentor + library resources
University of Ljubljana	Mentor + library resources
University of Bordeaux	Mentor + library resources
KU Leuven	Mentor + library resources
University of Exeter	Mentor + library resources
Stellenbosch University	Mentor + library resources

A candidate may also request to go to other departments or VIU member universities (full list of VIU Members available here <https://www.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.

Evaluation and Selection

Candidates will be selected at the end of the semester at VIU by a committee that will take into account the recommendations of the Professors teaching courses.

The selection committee will be composed of:

- Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Carmelo Marabello
- Vice Dean of Venice International University, Prof. Luca Pes
- Academic Advisor of the Mobility Program, Prof. Ilda Mannino - Scientific Coordinator of VIU Graduate Activities



The selection of the candidates and the award of the scholarships will be based on a ranking. As resolved by the VIU Academic Council meeting of November 18 2022, 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)

- academic quality of the candidate
- quality of the project
- innovativeness of the research
- adherence of the theme addressed in the project to Globalization Program themes
- matching of the research project with the possible destinations

2) Mid-term evaluation in the courses (up to 30% of the final score).

3) Participation in the co-curricular activities (up to 10% of the final score)

Final requirements to qualify for the mobility phase:

- the selected candidate(s) must complete a minimum of two VIU courses obtaining a final grade average of **85/100** calculated on the basis of the best two.

- the selected candidate(s) must participate in a minimum of **five co-curricular activities** during the semester. Active participation in the VIU Plenary workshop (1st or 2nd semesters) or in the Venice Universities' Model European Union VeUMEU (2nd semester only) will be considered equal to three co-curricular activities.

- the selected candidate(s) must participate in scheduled **individual and group meetings** during the semester so as to develop and refine their research project under the supervision of VIU academic tutors.

- the research internship must be undertaken while the student is still registered in a degree program at the home university

Deadlines and Calendar of Activities

Academic activities 2nd semester: February 26 – May 31, 2024

Worldwide Mobility for Research Internship Period: September - December 2024

Deadline for applications:

By February 21, 2024, 3:00pm (CEST) candidates must:

- Pre-register for the Globalization Program on the VIU website:
<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/admissions/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 CV.
- Submit motivation letter (max. one A4 page).
- Submit letter of recommendation from Professor in candidate's home university.



Prof. Pes and Prof. Mannino will review the proposals, and give instructions and feedback at a meeting with the applicants during the week following the deadline on February 29, 2024.

By March 31, 2024, students competing for the Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships must submit an intermediate draft proposal of their research project to be pursued during the mobility for research internships, which should indicate the selected destination and preferred period (max. 5 pages). Prof. Pes and Prof. Mannino will review the proposals, and give instructions and feedback at a meeting with the student on April 9, 2024.

By May 12, 2024, students must submit their final research project proposal that will be examined and evaluated by the selection committee. Each candidate should have a supervisor for the research activities in his/her home university. VIU Professors may in some cases act as co-supervisors.

* 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
- 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

The selection committee will communicate the results by the end of the semester.



Mobility: September - December 2024

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 on October 3, 2024.

After the Mobility: Within 3 months from graduation, students that benefit from the Worldwide Mobility for Research Internships will have to provide a summary, in English, of the research carried out during the mobility. The summary will be considered on the basis of merit and relevance for publication as a VIU working paper (with attributed ISBN).

Students are invited to share their thesis with VIU when it is completed.

Students who are awarded a scholarship will receive it in two installments: 70% will be paid before the mobility commences to allow students to pay for travel and/or accommodation costs. The remaining 30% will be paid after the mobility, and on condition that the host organization confirms the satisfactory completion of the research internship by the student, and that the start and end dates of the mobility were respected, as stated in the learning agreement, signed by the host organization, VIU and the student. In addition, a final internship report must be submitted by the student.

Venice, 16/01/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmelo Marabello', written in a cursive style.

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