

Globalization Program – 1st semester 2022-2023

**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

After attending courses in the 1st Semester 2022-2023, selected applicants are awarded a scholarship to carry out research for their thesis at one of **VIU's member universities** or affiliated institutions.

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>

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 home university.

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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

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

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 1st semester 2022-2023 is available at:

<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program/courses/fall-2022>

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.
- advanced undergraduate students who are studying for a 4-year bachelor degree, who intend undertaking a final research thesis/project for credit.



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.

Note:

Students from Università Iuav di Venezia, Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata", 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, European University at St. Petersburg, Tel Aviv University, Stellenbosch University - must apply through the separate **VIU Erasmus+ Calls for applications** <http://univiu.org/erasmus/calls> Minimum period: 60 days.

Students from Università Ca' Foscari Venezia and Università degli Studi di Padova interested in spending a period of study/research in one of the **following member universities** - European University at St. Petersburg, Tel Aviv University, Stellenbosch University - must apply through the separate **VIU Erasmus+ Calls for applications** <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 bachelor and master's 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.

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
- Graduate Activities Scientific Coordinator of Venice International University
Prof. Ilda Mannino



The selection criteria for 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)

- 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).

Candidates must have completed 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. In case the candidate does not complete the course(s), he/she will be automatically excluded from the mobility program.

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

Participation in **at least five** co-curricular activities is a prerequisite. Students not fulfilling this requirement will be excluded from the selection. 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.

Candidates must have participated 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 VIU tutors.

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 2023 for 1st semester 2022-23 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 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

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.

Deadlines and Calendar of Activities

Academic activities: September 12 – December 16, 2022

Deadline for applications:

By September 9, 2022, 3:00pm (CEST) 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).



By October 23, 2022 students competing for the Research Internships and Mobility opportunities must submit an intermediate draft proposal of their research project to be pursued during the research internships and mobility phase, which should include indication of the selected destination and preferred period. Prof. Pes and Prof. Mannino will review the proposals, and give instructions and feedback.

By December 11, 2022, they must submit the 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 (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

The selection committee will communicate the results by the end of the semester. Candidates will be informed by e-mail.

Mobility: March-May or September–December 2023

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.

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).



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