Visiting Professors Project

The "Visiting Professors" project (launched with the first Call in 2016) was created with the aim of increasing and consolidating the internationalization of the scientific community of Politecnico di Torino through the attraction and permanence at the Politecnico of specialists and academics of high scientific standing and proven international reputation currently working abroad.

In the meetings of 03/04/2019 and 10/04/2019 the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors approved the identification of two different types of profiles (Long Term Visiting Professor and Short term Visiting Professor) and of two different types of procedures for activating positions:

- **"Long term Visiting Professor"**: renowned professors, scholars or professionals of high scientific standing and proven international reputation currently working abroad on a permanent basis who will carry out teaching and research activities for a minimum period of 1 month and a maximum of 12 months, possibly continuous. The proposed framework will be a continuous self-employment contract governed by Italian Law 240/2010, article 23, paragraph 3. These positions will benefit from a co-financing by the Politecnico di Torino.

- **"Short term Visiting Professor"**: professors, scholars or specialist currently working abroad on a permanent basis who will carry out teaching activities and, possibly, research, for a minimum period of 1 week and maximum of 4 weeks not necessarily continuous. The Board of Directors has approved the following types of remuneration based on the length of stay:
  - 1 week: maximum remuneration of 3,000 euros (gross pay).
  - 2 weeks: maximum remuneration of 5,000 euros (gross pay).
  - 3 weeks: maximum remuneration of 6,000 euros (gross pay).
  - 4 weeks: maximum remuneration of 7,000 euros (gross pay).

Details regarding applications procedure for the activation of "Long term Visiting Professor" positions are contained in the specific call.

Will soon be published information regarding applications procedures for the activation of the “Short term Visiting Professor”.

**Call “Long Term Visiting Professor” 2019**

**PURPOSE**

The Call pursues the goal of enhancing and strengthening the internationalization process of our scientific community by attracting new Visiting Professors, who - in consideration of the duration of their stay at the Politecnico di Torino - are defined as Long Term Visiting Professor.

This initiative is intended for the Departments of Politecnico and has the objective of supporting the presence of specialists and academics of high scientific standing and proven international reputation currently working abroad on a permanent basis.

This framework must also refer to the activation of Long Term Visiting Professors positions within the Departments of Excellence Projects.

**TARGET GROUP**

"Long term Visiting Professor": professors, academics and specialists of high scientific standing and proven international reputation currently working abroad on a permanent basis who will carry out teaching and research activities for a minimum period of 1 month and a maximum of 12 months, possibly continuous.

The proposed framework will be a continuous self-employment contract governed by Italian Law 240/2010, article 23, paragraph 3.

**REMUNERATION**

For the Long term Visiting Professor a maximum remuneration of 7,000 euros (gross pay) per month is defined.

Politecnico di Torino will co-finance with a fixed amount of 2,000 euros per month by only on condition that the Visiting Professor comes from:

- university located in the first 400 positions of the 2019 World University Ranking QS ranking (or in the first 500 positions of the 2019 Times Higher Education THE ranking or in the first 700 positions of the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities ARWU).
- institution of undoubted prestige and reputation.

If this requirement is not complied with, it will still be possible to submit the proposal but the total amount of the remuneration will be borne entirely by the proposing structure.

The residual part of co-financing (up to € 5,000 per month) will be covered with resources of the proposing structure.

In case of proposal submitted in the framework of the Department of Excellence Project, Politecnico di Torino co-financing is not envisaged. The amount of the remuneration will be borne entirely by the Department of Excellence Project.

Within the limits of the amounts indicated above, it will be up to the host structure to formulate a remuneration proposal in the application form.
The host structure will provide the Visiting Professor with the necessary **facilities and equipment** for the implementation of his/her activities.

The host structure may also cover on its budget the **travel expenses** of the Visiting Professor from/to the country of origin and any **mission expenses** whose execution is necessary/functional to the performance of the activity program.

The Politecnico di Torino Central Administration offers the Visiting Professor the support of its **international welcome services** (help for immigration procedures when necessary, housing support and assistance for the relocation of family members to Torino).

### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The proposals shall be submitted, using the form attached to this Call, by the proposing structure exclusively by sending an e-mail to the address bando.visiting@polito.it. Proposals received in different ways will not be taken into consideration.

The documentation for submitting the application is available at:
http://www.researchers.polito.it/careers/visiting_professors

The Heads of Department shall submit their proposals within the following deadlines:

- **First deadline for submission:** proposals must be received by 12th May 2019.
- **Second deadline for submission:** proposals must be received by 14th July 2019.
- **Third deadline for submission:** proposals must be received by 31st October 2019.

Proposals shall be submitted using the form attached to this Call and must include the following information:

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Host Structure (specifying if the field of research falls within the "Departments of Excellence" project), name of the coordinator at Politecnico, general details of the candidate, proposed economic treatment, duration of the visit.

- **INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF THE ACTIVITIES**
  - This section shall outline the strategic value of the candidate’s research and teaching programme for the host Department and/or for the Politecnico di Torino. The specific contribution that the candidate will offer during his/her visit shall also be underlined.
  - **With regard to the teaching activities** (one or more) to be delivered by the candidate, it is necessary to provide a **declaration signed by the Head of the Department who certifies the relevance of the candidate’s teaching programme** (Scudo, Master or Head of Department depending on the desired educational path).
  - **With regard to the research activities** to be conducted by the candidate, it is necessary to outline the rationale for why the candidate’s research programme is relevant to the Department and/or the Politecnico di Torino. The disciplinary field must be classified in accordance with ERC keywords.
• **PROOF OF SCIENTIFIC COMPETENCE**
  The candidate’s Curriculum Vitae and track record shall be attached to this section (a template of CV and track record is attached for easy reference). These documents shall give evidence of the candidate’s scientific competence, international standing and teaching activities already carried out.
  A list of the candidate’s most important publications shall also be attached to the CV. When applicable, the major bibliometric international indicators shall also be provided (in particular: the number of citations of the three most highly cited papers, the number of overall citations and the h-index)

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

For the 2019 edition a budget of **250,000 Euro** has been allocated to this initiative. The total budget shall be reserved for the co-financing of Long term Visiting Professor positions. In case of proposal submitted by the Department of Excellence Project, Politecnico di Torino co-financing is not envisaged.

**SELECTION OF PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING AND APPOINTMENT**

All proposals, after checking the completeness of the documentation and the coherence with the Call criteria of duration and remuneration, will be evaluated by the Rector, within the meaning of Italian Law 240/2010, article 23, paragraph 3, that will make appointment and remuneration recommendations to the Board of Directors, with the prior opinion of the Academic Senate. The publication of the candidate’s CV on the Politecnico di Torino webpage will follow.

Taking into account the amount of available funds, the Board of Directors will refer to the principle of fair allocation of resources among Departments. Following the approval of the Governing Bodies, the Visiting Professors will receive an official offer letter and will be provided with all the necessary information for the signature of the contract regulating the teaching and research activity to be conducted at Politecnico di Torino.

**FINAL REPORT**

Within one month from the end of the Visiting Professor’s stay at Politecnico, the host Department/Structure shall send to **bando.visiting@polito.it** a final report on the teaching and scientific activities conducted by the Visiting Professor.

**PUBLICATION OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The text of the Call for proposals is available at the following webpage:

http://www.researchers.polito.it/careers/visiting PROFESSORS
The administrative office in charge of this procedure is the International Affairs Area. The dedicated e-mail address for issues linked to the proceedings of this call is: bando.visiting@polito.it

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