

Call for Applications for Outgoing Research Mobility Grants 2026-2027 Academic Year

To foster and enhance the internationalisation of its research activities, Luiss University is delighted to offer its Core Faculty Members the opportunity to undertake a short mobility period at renowned institutions worldwide, with the purpose of working with a co-author. A maximum of six positions are available for the 2026/27 academic year.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. (CET) on 17 April 2026.

General Rules

This call for applications is open to the following categories of Luiss Core Faculty Members:

- Senior assistant professor – ricercatore/ricercatrice a tempo determinato, “lett. B” (RTDB)
- Junior assistant professor – ricercatore/ricercatrice a tempo determinato “lett. A” (RTDA)
- Assistant professor (research)
- Tenure-track assistant professor – ricercatore/ricercatrice tenure track (RTT)

Selected candidates are expected to spend approximately 4 weeks (consecutive or split into two periods of around 2 weeks each) at the host institution, to carry out proven research activity with their co-author (who must be a core faculty member of the proposed host university).

At the end of the research mobility period, a report concerning the activity that has been carried out will need to be provided. Furthermore, within one year after completion of their mobility period under this call for applications, the faculty members concerned will be expected to present at least a draft of the relevant paper.

The proposed host institution should be selected from among the top 30 universities in the QS, Financial Times or Times Higher Education rankings (general or in the relevant academic area). Applications for host universities slightly outside this range may be presented but may not be given priority.

The total amount of an Outgoing Research Mobility Grant ranges from a minimum of €8,000 to a maximum of €10,000. The exact amount will be determined and awarded by the Evaluation Commission.

The grant will be disbursed as follows:

- 60% as an all-inclusive lump-sum payment subject to tax in accordance with applicable law, on foot of a dedicated contract
- 40% as reimbursement of expenses

Application

Luiss Core Faculty Members who wish to apply under this call are kindly invited to complete the application form via the dedicated link. Please ensure that the following documents are uploaded in the corresponding sections of the form:

- Abstract of the research for the proposed mobility period
- Invitation letter signed by the co-author of the research paper on behalf of the host institution, clearly stating the purpose of the invitation (research) and the period envisaged for the mobility
- Curriculum vitae
- Relevant academic publications (up to a maximum of 3)
- Copy of a currently valid ID

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Selection Criteria

The selection will be carried out by the Evaluation Commission.

Once all the required documents have been submitted, the overall final score – up to 40 points – will be given by the sum of:

- The score achieved for the abstract of the research for the proposed mobility period – max 7 points
- The score achieved for the international standing of the co-author – max 7 points
- The score achieved for the curriculum vitae – max 7 points
- The score achieved for the relevant academic publications – max 7 points
- The score achieved for the selected host university – top 30 universities in the QS, Financial Times or Times Higher Education rankings (general or in the relevant academic area) – max 10 points
- The score for applications in which the research carried out during the mobility period is also for the purpose of creating a project proposal to be presented for an ERC call or of building partnerships with the aim of participating in Horizon Europe calls – max 2 points

Furthermore, the Evaluation Commission will give positive consideration and priority to:

- Applications from Luiss Core Faculty Members who obtained their PhD within the past 8 years
- Applications from Luiss Core Faculty Members who have not previously taken part in a mobility programme

Evaluation Commission and Outcomes

The Evaluation Commission shall be composed of:

- The Deputy Rector for Internationalisation
- The Deputy Rector for Research and Third Mission
- The Director of Academic Affairs

Following the passing of the deadline for receipt of applications, the Evaluation Commission may also decide to appoint other Luiss faculty members to form part of the Commission.

All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by **15 May 2026**, via e-mail from faculty mobility@luiss.it.

Deadlines and Dates

- Application deadline: 5 p.m. (CET) on **17 April 2026**
- Notification of results by **15 May 2026**
- Timeframe for the 4 weeks of research mobility:
 - mobility period option 1: from 1 September 2026 to 31 December 2026
 - mobility period option 2: from 1 January 2027 to 30 April 2027
 - mobility period option 3: from 1 May 2027 to 31 August 2027

Further Information

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