



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Young Researchers Mobility Program (MGR) – 2026 Edition: submission of proposals for international mobility of young researchers employed at the University of Cagliari.**

Funding under Regional Law No. 7 of 07.08.2007, “Promotion of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation in Sardinia” – CUP: F23C24001150002.

- WHEREAS the Statute of the University of Cagliari, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 339/2012 of 27 March 2012 and published in the Official Gazette No. 89 of 16 April 2012, as subsequently amended;
- WHEREAS the current University Regulation on missions in Italy and abroad;
- WHEREAS Regional Law No. 7 of 07 August 2007 containing provisions on the “Promotion of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation in Sardinia”;
- WHEREAS Rectoral Decree No. 246/2023 of 28 December 2023, confirming the appointment of Dr. Gaetano Melis as Director of the Directorate for Research and Territory at the University of Cagliari;
- WHEREAS Regional Government Resolution No. 45/84 of 27 November 2024, by which the Regional Council approved the financial allocation of Regional Law 7/2007 for the 2024 fiscal year and partially for 2025 and 2026, providing for the allocation of a contribution of €120,000.00 (one hundred twenty thousand/00 euros) per year, for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026, for a total of €360,000.00 (three hundred sixty thousand/00 euros) to the University of Cagliari, authorizing the offices of the Regional Department for Planning, Budget, Income, and Territorial Management – Regional Planning Center – to adopt the measures necessary for the full implementation of the Program;
- WHEREAS Agreement No. 71, Prot. 9753 of 10 December 2024, executed between the Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Department for Planning, Budget, Income, and Territorial Management – Regional Planning Center – and the University of Cagliari, which regulates, among other matters, the procedures for implementing the Mobility Program for young researchers of the University of Cagliari pursuant to Regional Government Resolution No. 45/84 of 27 November 2024, funded under Regional Law No. 7 of 07 August 2007, “Promotion of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation in Sardinia”;
- WHEREAS Determination No. 963, Prot. No. 9899 of 12 December 2024, in which the Regional Planning Center approved Agreement No. 71, Prot. 9753 of 10 December 2024, and authorized the commitment of the sum of €360,000.00 (three hundred sixty thousand/00 euros) to the University of Cagliari for the purposes provided under the Mobility Program for young researchers;
- WHEREAS Resolution No. 14/2025C of 30 January 2025, by which the Board of Directors authorized the adjustment of the 2025 Economic Budget for activities financed under Regional Law No. 7 of 07 August 2007, including resources from the RAS for the Young Researchers Mobility Program, CUP F23C24001150002;
- WHEREAS the approval of the project selection criteria under the Young Researchers Mobility Program by the Academic Senate (Resolution 51/25S) and the Board of Directors (Resolution 59/25C) in the sessions of 25 March 2025;
- CONSIDERING the availability of resources amounting to €120,199.55 for the issuance of the 2026 Young Researchers Mobility Call;



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**Art. 1**

**OBJECT AND PURPOSE**

1. This call is issued for proposals for international mobility of young researchers employed at the University of Cagliari. The call supports the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan and the HR Excellence in Research strategy, promoting participation in international research groups and strengthening mobility to foreign Universities, Research Centers, and Public and Private Research Institutions.
2. Awardees must conduct research abroad for 15–30 days (including travel), including building or strengthening scientific networks and participating in competitive international projects.
3. Exceptions for shorter periods:
  - a. Preparatory meetings for international competitive projects: max. 10 days (including travel);
  - b. Conferences, workshops, etc., presenting work from MGR 2023–2025 funded collaborations: max. 7 days (including travel).
4. Funded under Regional Law No. 7/2007. For 2024–2026, €120,000/year allocated. Available for this call: €120,199.55 (Project: RICRAS\_CTC\_2024\_MGR).
5. All mobility must be completed by 31 October 2026.

**Art. 2**

**BENEFICIARIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. Eligible personnel under 45 at publication date:
  - a. Tenured faculty;
  - b. Fixed-term researchers (Type A, B, Tenure Track);
  - c. Research contract holders;
  - d. Postdoctoral researchers;
  - e. Research grant holders.
2. Mobility must occur within contract validity; contracts must cover at least one month after mobility end.
3. Research proposal must match the candidate's contractual research project.
4. Non-EU researchers must comply with residence permit validity; mobility during renewal is not allowed.
5. Change of University position does not affect fund usage.
6. Change to another institution must be reported to mgr@unica.it; ongoing projects must be completed, with final reporting. Unspent funds are revoked.
7. Withdrawal must be reported to mgr@unica.it.
8. Publication requirements:
  - Faculty and Type A/B/TT researchers:  $\geq 2$  VQR 2020–2024 publications in IRIS (2021–2025);
  - Contract, postdoc, grant holders:  $\geq 1$  IRIS publication.
9. Mobility must be compatible with teaching duties.



### **Art. 3 ELIGIBLE COSTS**

1. Eligible costs include:
  - a. Travel and per diem for research missions abroad;
  - b. Preparatory meeting expenses;
  - c. Conference/workshop registration presenting prior MGR-funded research.
2. No duplication of funding with other sources.
3. Non-Italian citizens: MGR funds cannot cover travel to home/residence country.

### **Art. 4 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

1. Research activities must align with the University 2022–2027 Strategic Plan.
2. Check destination security via Ministry of Foreign Affairs “Viaggiare Sicuri.”
3. Submit in English from publication until 13:00, 13 April 2026, via online form. Start no earlier than 01 May 2026, return by 31 October 2026.
4. Early start or late return proposals will be rejected.
5. For nearby countries (e.g., Switzerland, San Marino, Vatican City), residence in host country is mandatory.
6. Single host institution only; multiple destinations not allowed.
7. Mobility types:
  - a. 15–30 day missions (including travel), continuous;
  - b. Preparatory meetings (max 10 days, including travel);
  - c. Conferences/workshops presenting MGR 2023–2025 funded work (max 7 days, including travel).
8. Travel cost caps:
  - a. €600 – EU countries (incl. Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland);
  - b. €800 – UK, non-EU Balkans, Mediterranean Africa;
  - c. €1,500 – Eastern Europe, Central Asia;
  - d. €2,500 – Intercontinental (Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Americas, USA).
9. Travel reimbursement limited to documented expenses and authorized amounts.

### **Art. 5 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

1. Mandatory:
  - a. Curriculum vitae;
  - b. Department Director authorization (and scientific supervisor approval for contract/postdoc/grant holders).
2. Missions 15–30 days:
  - c. invitation letter from host institution.



3. Preparatory meetings:
  - c. project summary document
  - d. invitation letter.
4. Conferences/workshops:
  - c. program link
  - d. acceptance letter.
5. Non-EU: valid Italian residence permit covering mobility.

#### **Art. 6**

#### **EVALUATION AND RESULTS**

1. Commission appointed post-deadline.
2. Evaluation: CV, mobility impact, research opportunities, collaborations.
3. Scoring:
  - a. Up to 20 points – proposal quality, planning, justification, collaborations, expected results;
  - b. 3 points – EDUC Alliance partner mobility;
  - c. Up to 6 points – CV;
  - d. 5 points – first-time MGR funding;
  - e. 1 point – alignment with UN SDGs 2030.
4. Reduced budget approval allowed.
5. Eligibility check by responsible office.
6. Tie-breaker:
  - a. Never received MGR funding;
  - b. Younger age.
7. Ranking list prepared; funded until budget exhausted.
8. Results communicated via e-mail to applicant and Department Director.
9. Confirm participation or withdrawal within 5 days via [mgr@unica.it](mailto:mgr@unica.it)
10. No response = withdrawal.

#### **Art. 7**

#### **MISSION EXPENSES**

1. Reimbursement per University Mission Regulation (D.R. 721/2023):
  - a. Economy fares only;
  - b. Round-trip reimbursed once;
  - c. Flat-rate per diem for meals/accommodation;
  - d. Grant holders: max €77/day;
  - e. No extraordinary transport;



- f. Flat-rate excludes urban public transport or taxis.
2. Advances allowed only upon travel booking proof or conference registration.
3. Proof of attendance and payment required for reporting.
4. Travel expenses include tickets, visa, mandatory insurance/vaccinations.
5. Excess costs borne by beneficiary.
6. Departure point: service location or home (most favorable).
7. Mission may start from a different location if favorable.

#### Art. 8

#### TRAVEL EXPENSE TRACEABILITY

1. Keep boarding passes and tickets for reimbursement and payment traceability.

#### Art. 9

#### REPORTING

1. Within 30 days after mission: submit reimbursement documentation and activity report to [mgr@unica.it](mailto:mgr@unica.it)
2. Mobility completed by 31 October 2026.

#### Art. 10

#### DATA USE

1. Data used exclusively for beneficiary selection and administration.
2. Data may be shared internally or externally only as necessary for legal/administrative purposes.

#### Art. 11

#### RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

1. Dr. Tiziana Cubeddu, Directorate for Research and Territory – [mgr@unica.it](mailto:mgr@unica.it)

#### Art. 12

#### PUBLICITY

1. Call published on University website.
2. Publication communicated to Autonomous Region of Sardinia.
3. All calls/events must cite funding under Regional Law No. 7/2007.

#### Art. 13

#### FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Submitted for ratification by Academic Senate and Board of Directors.

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