



## UNITAFRICA

*Empowering the Academic Cooperation between Italy and Africa for fostering the quality and effectiveness of the higher education systems in a mutual learning environment*

TNE23-00050 - CUP D81I24000280007

## UNITAFRICA PROJECT CALL FOR APPLICATION

### FOR AFRICAN PhDs (student mobility) AND RESEARCHERS (staff mobility).

### RESEARCH COOPERATION VISIT PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE (ITALY)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 6, 2025**

#### 1. The UnitAfrica Project

The UNITAFRICA project, led by Italian Universities (IUs) within the Italian University Network for Development Cooperation (CUCS), is a strategic initiative designed to promote collaborative training, research, and international academic cooperation with partner institutions across Africa.

The project is funded by the NextGenerationEU through the National Recovery Plan (PNRR).

#### 2. Description of the visit programme

The University of Udine (Italy) offers three (3) PhD students (student mobility) and two (2) researchers (staff mobility) from partner African universities in the UnitAfrica project the opportunity to spend three months in its research laboratories, collaborating with its professors and engaging in joint research activities.

The purpose of these visits is to enhance the research capacity of scientists, helping them to foster linkages for further collaboration.

The relevant areas of the research collaborations must be:

DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE	SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AREA	CONTACT PERSON	E-MAIL
AGRICUTLURAL, FOOD, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL SCIENCES (DI4A)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crop production and yield</li> <li>2. Agro-forestry</li> <li>3. Husbandry</li> <li>4. Biomass use for energy purposes</li> </ol>	Prof. Mirco Corazzin	<a href="mailto:mirco.corazzin@uniud.it">mirco.corazzin@uniud.it</a>
MATHEMATICS, INFORMATICS AND PHYSIC (DMIF)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Artificial intelligence</li> <li>2. Cyber-security</li> <li>3. Big data</li> </ol>	Prof. Giuseppe Serra	<a href="mailto:giuseppe.serra@uniud.it">giuseppe.serra@uniud.it</a>
HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cinema, Music, Media culture</li> </ol>	Prof. Francesco Pitassio	<a href="mailto:francesco.pitassio@uniud.it">francesco.pitassio@uniud.it</a>



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LEGAL STUDIES (DISG)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AI and Healthcare: Implementing AI tools for workflow optimization in laboratory analysis</li> <li>2. New technologies and legal transplants</li> <li>3. Privacy and personal data protection in comparative law</li> <li>4. Human rights</li> <li>5. Gender studies</li> <li>6. Food security</li> <li>7. Food safety</li> </ol>	Prof. Anna Zilli	<a href="mailto:anna.zilli@uniud.it">anna.zilli@uniud.it</a>
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY (DILL)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural heritage</li> <li>2. Geography (Geotechnologies for tourism; Waste and tourism)</li> <li>3. History of literature</li> <li>4. Linguistics</li> <li>5. Literary theory and comparative literature</li> <li>6. Translation studies</li> </ol>	Prof. Fabio Regattin	<a href="mailto:fabio.regattin@uniud.it">fabio.regattin@uniud.it</a>
MEDICINE (DMED)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oncology</li> <li>2. Mother-child area</li> <li>3. Maxillofacial surgery</li> <li>4. Visual diseases</li> <li>5. Sport sciences</li> <li>6. Nursing and Midwifery Sciences</li> </ol>	Prof. Giuseppe Damante	<a href="mailto:giuseppe.damante@uniud.it">giuseppe.damante@uniud.it</a>

### 3. Requirements and Eligibility

Applicants must be a PhD student or a researcher from one of the African partner universities of the UnitAfrica Project (Annex 2)

Applicants' scientific field of research must be one those listed under section 2. Only applications within these fields will be considered.

Before submitting an application, candidates must contact a University of Udine professor (internal supervisor) working in one of the identified target research areas (section 2), share their proposal with him/her and obtain his/her approval/signature (see Annex 1). The contact person listed in the table in section 2 can assist potential applicants in identifying the most suitable supervisor within each Department.

### 4. Application documents and application deadline

The application must:

- Be completed in English, signed by internal supervisor (section 3) and signed by the applicant;



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- Include a copy of applicant's passport (only the page with personal details);
- Include a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae;
- Include the full list of the applicant's scientific publications (do not enclose copies of the articles);
- Be sent to [sara.distefano@uniud.it](mailto:sara.distefano@uniud.it) and [amce@uniud.it](mailto:amce@uniud.it) within the application deadline.

Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered. The application deadline is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 5. Selection procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of professors from the University of Udine, specializing in the scientific area relevant to the applicant's research.

Applicants will be selected on scientific merit, with the following criteria considered:

- relevance of the research area to the topics outlined in the call,
- validity and quality of the proposed research project,
- the applicant's curriculum vitae, with particular emphasis on experience and previous or ongoing research activities in the scientific research area linked to the submitted proposal,
- the number of publications related to the scientific research area of interest.

### 6. Rankings

The list of the beneficiaries will be published on this webpage: <https://www.uniud.it/en/uniud-international/international-activities/uniud-international-projects> within 30 working days after the application deadline.

### 7. Grants

Thanks to the *UnitAfrica Project*, applicants can receive the following grants:

TYPE OF MOBILITY	STATUS	MONTHLY GROSS GRANT	TRAVEL GRANT
SMS – student mobility	PhD	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.500,00
STA – teaching staff mobility	Researcher	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.500,00

Further details regarding the grants will be provided to the beneficiaries.

### 8. Period

The research can take place starting from July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, with the specific period to be agreed upon with the professor at the University of Udine responsible for the selected research area.



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### 9. Miscellaneous

Each beneficiary will remain registered full-time at their home institution and will continue to pay tuition and other fees there. The beneficiary will be responsible for the following:

- finding accommodation in Udine. However, the University of Udine will assist beneficiaries in locating housing, if possible,
- covering all expenses incurred in connection with participation in the program,
- arranging their own VISA and residence permit (if required)
- securing their own medical insurance to cover any potential medical expenses.

### 10. Administrative Procedures Responsible

In accordance with Article 4 of Law 241 of August 7, 1990, "New regulations on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents", the administrative procedures responsible are overseen by Ms. Cristina Disint, Head of the Student Services Area at the University of Udine.

Candidates have the right to access the documents related to the competition procedure, as outlined by Articles 1 and 2 of Presidential Decree No. 352 of June 23, 1992 (Regulation on the Exercise of the Right of Access to Administrative Documents and Exclusion Cases, in implementation of Article 24, Paragraph 2, of Law No. 241/90), as well as subsequent amendments and additions.

Requests must be sent to the Human Resources and General Affairs Directorate at Via Palladio 8, 33100 Udine, by completing the appropriate form available at the following link:

<http://www.uniud.it/it/servizi/servizi-comunicazione/accesso-agli-atti>.

### 11. Processing of Personal Data and Final Provisions

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Legislative Decree 196/2003, it is hereby stated that the personal data collected in this procedure are essential for the proper management of the candidate selection process, any subsequent mobility management, financial contributions, and other purposes related to the services provided by the University of Udine.

The University of Udine is the Data Controller. At any time, the data subject may request access, rectification of, and, within the institutional purposes of the University, deletion, or restriction of the processing of their personal data. The data subject has also the right to file a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority. The full privacy notice is available on the website: [www.uniud.it](http://www.uniud.it).

### 12. Contact Office

Head of the Mobility and International Relations Office

Sonia Bosero

Area Servizi agli Studenti  
Ufficio mobilità e relazioni internazionali  
Responsabile dell'Area e del procedimento: Cristina Disint  
Responsabile Ufficio: Sonia Bosero  
Compilatore procedimento: Sara Di Stefano





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Call for applications contacts:

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The Chancellor

Prof. Roberto Pinton

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**Annex 1**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**UnitAfrica project call for application for African PhDs (student mobility) and researchers (staff mobility).  
Research cooperation visit programme at the university of Udine (Italy)**

APPLICANT DETAILS			
NAME			
SURNAME			
STATUS		PhD <input type="checkbox"/>	Researcher <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH	
PASSPORT NUMBER		EXPIRATION DATE:	
HOME INSTITUTION		COUNTRY	
MAIN RESEARCH AREA			
PREFERRED PERIOD OF STAY		From .....	
		To .....	
PROJECT RESEARCH OBJECTIVES (max 500 characters)			
PROJECT RESEARCH DETAILS (max 2000 characters)			
UNIVERSITY OF UDINE			



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<b>SUPERVISOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR</b>	I agree in hosting the candidate for this research project in my lab/research group.  Signature .....	

I ..... (name and surname of the applicant) submit this application to the University of Udine and I attach these required documents:

- copy of applicant's passport (only the page with the personal details)
- copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae
- full list of applicant's publications (do not enclose reprints of articles)

Place and data

Signature





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### Annex 2

Country	African Universities
Camerun	Università di Dschang, Università Yaoundè I, Università Youndé II
Etiopia	Jimma University