

Visiting Scholars at VIU



Venice International University may host up to two visiting scholars per semester, with the aim of enriching the opportunities of exchange and learning for students and faculty on the island of San Servolo.

Eligibility criteria:

The opportunity is open to scholars with a faculty position as researchers or professors, with priority given to those of the member universities.

How to apply to become a visiting scholar at VIU:

A research proposal, together with the candidate's CV, should be submitted to the Dean (dean@univiu.org).

The proposal should:

- describe the aims of the research;
- explain why becoming research scholar at VIU would be beneficial;
- state the preferred period in which the scholar wishes to spend time at VIU;
- specify what kind of interactions are foreseen with the VIU community (e.g. proposed seminars or lectures).

The proposal should be 2-4 pages, or equivalent; the CV should be max 3 pages, plus list of relevant publications.

A selection committee will evaluate the research proposal and the candidate's CV, determine if VIU has the logistical capacity to host the Visitor during the requested period, and if approved, will name a VIU delegate to supervise the project.

The committee is composed of:

- the Dean of VIU
- the Vice-Dean of VIU;
- one member of the VIU Academic Council

VIU will provide:

- an office at VIU;
- assistance in finding accommodation in Venice;
- for non-EU citizens, support in obtaining an entry visa and temporary residency permit for visiting researchers*

The Visiting Scholar must:



- commit to obtaining an appropriate entry visa, if required, depending on country of origin;
- be able to demonstrate having the financial capacity to support oneself during the visiting period (for non-EU visitors, necessary for visa application);
- be in possession of comprehensive health insurance valid in Italy;
- cite an affiliation with VIU in any publications that result from the research undertaken during the visiting period, and/or published during the visiting period at VIU.

VIU will bear no responsibility for family members of visiting scholars, nor can VIU support documentation for visa applications of family members.

Once a research proposal has been accepted, the approved scholar and the President of VIU will sign an agreement that will include the following:

- title of research project;
- agreed activities for the benefit of the VIU community;
- dates of arrival and departure;
- the mutual responsibilities of the parties.

* In order to obtain an entry visa, citizens of non-EU countries must contact the Italian Consulate in their jurisdiction to receive updated information regarding the requirements and documents required. For these applications, VIU will request a Nulla Osta from the Ministry of the Interior, via the Prefecture in Venice, and provide the other documents required from the host institution. Following arrival, VIU will provide information and direction on how to obtain the temporary residency permit and tax code.