CALL FOR PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

“Teaching Without Borders”

Teaching placement in the schools of Parma managed by the University of Parma

Scholarships for Students coming from EU Countries

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Strategic objective: Internationalization of schools - Students mobility from UE Countries through teaching. The project aims to increase and to improve the relations within the schools and academic community, throughout renewed international activities.

For foreign students who would like to teach, for those who need to carry out their traineeship by teaching at school, or for those who just want to have a teaching experience in the Italian school system, the Teaching Placement Project is the perfect chance to fully immerse yourself in Italian life and in its lively school world.

The University of Parma, in collaboration with Parma Schools, Parma Local Council and Parma Local Teaching Authorities, is looking for motivated students registered at one university from any EU Countries who are willing to teach Italian pupils about their language and culture, or even sharing the second language they might know, putting themselves to the test in a uniquely valuable professional experience.

The languages taught in Parma schools are:
- English
- Spanish
- French
- German

Therefore, if you are a native speaker or if you have high and certified skills in one of the above languages, don’t miss the opportunity to work in a public school and in a typical Italian professional environment.

In this frame, inbound students will have the chance of being part of an international group of young people who can help the school staff and pupils by sharing their fresh and actual idioms, their culture and ideas in local high schools (14-18 years old), middle schools (11-13 years old), elementary schools (6-10 years old) and kindergartens (3-5 years old), usually located in Parma or in the neighbour towns.

THE CALL

In the framework of the project aimed at the enhancement of foreign languages and teaching in local schools, the University of Parma

Selects candidates for awarding n. 37 four-month scholarships to carry out a traineeship activity in Parma schools.

The traineeship activity must be carried out within the period 3rd February – 29th May 29th 2020 Spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year
Candidates awarded with a Teaching Placement Scholarship are asked to:

- **Attend** 12 hours of introductory training at the University of Parma
- **Work** in one of the appointed schools for 25 hours per week of in-classroom activities shadowing an Italian teacher
- **Assist** learners with conversation
- **Engage** learners in a European intercultural perspective
- **Motivate** learners’ skills in a foreign language

The selected candidates are not expected to lead a class on their own. Nonetheless, they are expected to prepare and lead lessons or discussions with pupils, as agreed with their school tutor and under his/her supervision.

At the end of the internship period, the selected candidate should write a final placement essay as well as share the teaching materials developed during the internship period.

Although not an essential requisite, an inclination towards teaching or some experience in schools are appreciated.

During their internship period, the selected candidates may attend a free course of Italian language. The attendance of university lectures is allowed, although not conflicting with the internship agenda.

**ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

We are looking for students or recent graduates (within 12 months since the graduation date) being either enrolled or recently graduated in one of the fields of study/disciplines listed in the table below.

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* As far as the type of schools, students could be assigned to a different school or in more than one school according to their needs.
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**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The candidate must be native speaker or C1 CEFR level in one or more of the following languages:

- English
- French
- Spanish
- German

The knowledge of Italian Language (minimum A2 CEFR level) is considered as a preferential condition, although not relevant to the internship experience.

**DURATION**

All the internship activities will start on **February 3rd** and will end on **May 29th 2020**. Being the official school starting date **February 10th 2020**, the first week will be entirely devoted to the training and the preparation of the selected candidates.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT/ FUNDING**

The total amount of the scholarship for each student is **1,800 Euros gross**. Each beneficiary will receive a monthly scholarship of 450.00 Euros (gross) for a period of 4 months.

The scholarship is not conflicting with Erasmus+ SMP grants, whose management is entirely managed by the selected candidate’s home university. Both Erasmus+ and any other forms of financial support that may be made available by the selected candidate’s home university are awarded on eligibility conditions that are not necessarily corresponding to the ones required by this call.

**INTERRUPTION AND/OR WITHDRAWAL**

The minimum internship period to be performed in order to access the grant is fixed in two months (60 days). Any interruption or withdrawal occurring before two months since the internship start implies the loss of the whole scholarship.

After two months have passed, the selected candidates who interrupt or withdraw from their internship activity will be granted only the effective internship period performed.

What above does not apply in case the selected candidate is prevented from completing the planned activities abroad due to a case of force majeure.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Candidates are requested to provide the following documents:

- Application form duly filled, signed and dated
- Certification of C1 language competence (if applying for a non-native language)
- A certificate of enrolment at the home University (or a graduation certificate)
- A recommendation letter signed by one faculty from the candidate’s home university
- Copy of a valid identity document

Candidates may either apply via e-mail, by sending the scanned documents to protocollo@unipr.it and, in cc, to internship@unipr.it (please quote “Teaching Placement Call 2019/2020” in the subject) or via ordinary mail, by sending the printed documents to “Università degli Studi di Parma, U.O. Internazionalizzazione - Erasmus and International Home, Piazzale San Francesco, 3 - 43121 Parma (ITALY)”.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting the applications is **November 29th 2019**, at **12.00 a.m.** (date as per postmark in case of applications via ordinary mail).
A University Evaluation Committee appointed by the University Rector will evaluate the received applications and will draw a list of pre-selected candidates who will be called for a Skype interview to acquire details about competence, motivation and language proficiency.

The University of Parma will send the results to all candidates via e-mail by **December 13th 2019**. The final list of the students awarded the Scholarships will be published online on the Institutional web site [www.unipr.it](http://www.unipr.it).

Should you request more information, please write to [internship@unipr.it](mailto:internship@unipr.it).

Parma, 29th October 2019

The Rector
Prof. Paolo ANDREI