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UFFICIO SERVIZI DI SUPPORTO ALLA
MOBILITÀ INTERNAZIONALE

**NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR THE “SIENA-CAMBRIDGE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP 2026 -
RESEARCHERS” PROGRAMME**

Art. 1 - Object

1. This call for applications outlines the selection process for 2 (two) participants in the 2026 Siena-Cambridge Summer Mobility Programme at King's College, Cambridge, United Kingdom, for a period of four weeks. The programme is designed to allow participants to take English language courses during the summer period from 13 July to 8 August 2026.

Art. 2 - Requirements for participation in the programme

1. The Siena-Cambridge Summer Fellowship 2026 Programme is open to early-career research staff:
 - a) PhD students (limited to programmes administered by the University of Siena).
 - b) Research fellows
 - c) holders of a research contract, research post or postdoctoral position.
2. Candidates must hold a valid contract with the university at the time of application and for the entire duration of the programme.

Art.3 - Activities and Conditions

1. The selected candidates must attend an English language course at any of the Cambridge Language Schools in the summer of 2026, for a maximum period of one month.
2. King's College will cover the costs of accommodation in a hall of residence and meals at the university canteens.
3. Participants will be responsible for their own travel expenses and the fees for the English language course.

Art. 4 - Submission of Application

1. Applications must be completed exclusively using the online form available on the website <https://www.unisi.it/internazionale/altre-oppoortunit/altre-oppoortunit-alleestero>.
2. Applications must be submitted by **12:00 PM on Thursday 21 May**.
3. The application must be completed in full and duly signed. Incomplete applications or those lacking the required supporting documents will not be accepted.



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4. The following documents must be attached to the application:
 - a) Motivation letter.
 - b) Curriculum vitae.

Art. 5 – Application Evaluation

1. Applications will be assessed by the Internationalisation Referents, according to the department to which each candidate belongs.
2. The assessment will be based on the following selection criteria:
 - a) the candidate's motivation, with a maximum score of 50 out of 100;
 - b) curriculum vitae, with a maximum score of 50 out of 100;
3. In the event of a tie, the criterion of age will be applied (priority will be given to older candidates).

Art. 6 - Rankings and Notifications

1. The merit list and any further information regarding the mobility programme covered by this notice will be published on the following webpage:
<https://www.unisi.it/internazionale/altre-opportunit/altre-opportunit-alleestero>.
2. Selected students will be contacted via their institutional email address (@unisi.it).

Art. 7 - Procedures for admission to the host university

1. The names of the two selected candidates will be forwarded to King's College.
2. The selected candidates must take the necessary steps to complete the procedures required by the host university, submitting the documentation requested by the foreign university in accordance with the instructions provided by the latter.
3. The selected candidates must enrol independently on an English language course.
4. Should a participant withdraw, the next candidate on the merit list will be selected.

Art. 8 – Final Documentation

1. Upon completion of the study abroad programme, participants are required to submit a report on their activities and a copy of the certificate of attendance for the language course they attended to the Office for International Mobility Support Services.

Art. 9 - Insurance cover

1. During study abroad programmes, all exchange participants are covered by an insurance policy taken out by the University of Siena for accidents and limited third-party liability (<https://www.unisi.it/ateneo/lavorare-unisi/servizi-di-economato/assicurazioni>).

Leisure activities are excluded from the policy's cover.



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2. Students are required to arrange adequate health cover for themselves during their stay abroad, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the host country:
<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/assistenzaSanitaria/homeAssistenzaSanitaria.jsp>

Art. 10 - Safety conditions

1. All mobility programmes are subject to an assessment of safety conditions in the destination countries, based on guidance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and other local or national regulations.
2. Students are advised to check for any health and safety risks they may encounter during their mobility, including by consulting the *Viaggiare Sicuri* website.

Art. 11 - Personal data processing and confidentiality

1. Personal data shall be processed by the University of Siena exclusively for institutional purposes and, specifically, for the purposes of managing this call for applications; in strict compliance with the principles established by art. 5 of the EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of personal data and, in general, with the provisions of the EU Regulation and Legislative Decree 196/2013 Privacy Code.
2. The Data Controller is the University of Siena, legally represented by the Rector Prof. Roberto Di Pietra (e-mail: rettore@unisi.it; PEC: rettore@pec.unisipec.it). On the basis of the University of Siena's Regulations on the Processing of Personal Data (R.D. no. Rep. 56/2022 prot. no. 14879 of 13/01/2022), the person designated to process the data is the Head of the International Relations Division (e-mail: iro@unisi.it).
3. The provision of data is compulsory for the establishment of the relationship necessary for the award of the scholarship, and any refusal will make it impossible for the award to be carried out.
4. As a 'Data Subject', the grant-holder may exercise all the rights provided for by Article 15 et seq. of the European Regulations with regard to the University of Siena by contacting the Data Processor or the Data Controller. He/she also has the right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority pursuant to Article 77 of the EU Regulation. In Italy, the function of supervisory authority is exercised by the Garante per la protezione dei dati personali (www.garanteprivacy.it).
5. The detailed information on data processing can be acquired at: www.unisi.it/ateneo/adempimenti/privacy.

Art. 12 - Person in charge of the procedure

1. Maria Candida Calvo Vicente, the head of the Office for International Mobility Support Services is responsible for the proceedings; any requests for clarification or reports can be sent to: outgoing@unisi.it.